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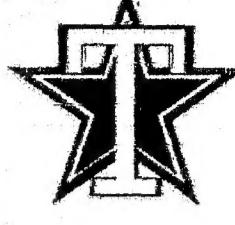
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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM-The students of Gould Academy and Telstar High School are joining together to present the musical 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.' With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, the production follows the antics of a quick-thinking slave as she tries to win her freedom by setting her master up with the girl of his dreams. Performances will take place in Gould's Bingham Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on May 22, 23, and 24. Pictured here are (left) Telstar senior Anneliese Smith and Gould sophomore Hunter Marlon.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

Newry voters to meet with Murphy; Sysko seeks withdrawal study group

By ALISON ALOISIO

After nearly two hours of expressing frustration with the cost and quality of education in SAD 44 and pondering a strategy of seeking withdrawal from the district, Newry residents Monday settled on asking for a face-to-face meeting with Supt. Dave Murphy.

They will get it on May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, at a public informational meeting.

In addition Jim Sysko, who advocated for the town to look at its school funding, said Tuesday he is exploring setting up an informal citizen committee to research a withdrawal process from SAD 44.

About 45 people turned out Monday night for an informational meeting on the possibility of getting the SAD 44 local cost-sharing formula changed, a move that could shift much of Newry's \$2.8 million share to the other

district towns. But the other towns would have to agree, and some Newry residents believe the only way to make that happen is to threaten to withdraw from SAD 44.

Sysko, who has been spearheading the effort, said at Monday's meeting he was motivated most recently by last year's poor showing by Telstar High School in a state school grade report. THS received an "F." He also expressed frustration that in 2005 Newry did not formal-

ly discuss a district effort that saw the state Legislature preserve the valuation-based cost sharing formula for SAD 44 while changing it to factor in student population in most other school systems. Newry has only two dozen students.

Since 2005, he said, the town has paid about \$18 million to SAD 44 that the newer state formula would not have required.

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SAD 44 grades are up - but no 'rounding up' for high school

By ALISON ALOISIO

When teachers figure grades, the common practice for a number grade ending in .5 or higher has been to round up to the next number. SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy thought the Maine Department of Education should have done that for Telstar High School.

On the report cards released last week by the

DOE for Maine schools, Telstar scored a 224.5. That gave the school a "D," an improvement from last year's "F."

But the score also left THS half a point shy of a "C."

Murphy appealed to the DOE to round up, but the department declined in the following e-mail response: "Unfortunately the rounding rules cannot be changed. The Department

made the commitment last year to not change the cut score targets and rules for the grading system for 2014."

Timing of tests
Regardless of the final grade, Murphy is not claiming that the high school took specific steps after receiving last year's grade to improve the grade that was just received.

"The high school test [on

which much of this year's letter grade is based] was administered just a couple of weeks after the first batch of scores were released in May of last year," he said.

THS wasn't the only SAD 44 school to improve its grade. Andover went from an "F" to a "C" and Woodstock from a "C" to an "A."

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Greenwood approves budget; tar paper outbuildings debated

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood voters Saturday approved all 34 articles on the warrant in a little over an hour, with about a quarter of that time consumed by discussion on whether property owners should be able to use tar paper or Typar

as the 'finish' siding on a shed or other outbuilding.

About 45 people turned out for the annual Town Meeting.

With the approval of the money articles, Town Manager Kim Sparks estimated the mil rate will rise from 11.55 to about 12.5 (including an esti-

mate for the SAD 44 school share).

Voters approved two vehicle purchases, one a new plow truck for the Highway Department for \$180,000 (\$100,000 from the Highway Dept. Reserve Account and \$80,000 from the Highway budget) and \$60,000 from the

Fire Department Reserve Account for a used squad truck for the Fire Department.

After Fire Chief Al Curtis explained how the Fire Department would save the town tens of thousands of dollars by doing

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Letters

MISS POPPIES FROM YEARS PAST

To the Editor:

We are inviting any and all "Miss Poppies" from past years to join us in the Memorial Day parade on May 26. We will gather at the Napa store on Mechanic Street at 10:15 a.m. and start marching up Main Street at 10:30 a.m. Please wear any combination of red, white or blue. Let's make this a special parade year! Honor our veterans.

Carol Everett, American Legion Auxiliary, Munkt Allen Post 81 Bethel

APPRECIATION FROM A VETERAN

To the Editor:

When Mona and I went to Pat's Pizza last Saturday evening, I wore my "Vietnam Veteran" baseball cap. As we entered the dining room, I noticed two young men (younger than I) sitting at a table we passed as we went to our corner seat. I thought no more of the gentlemen until we asked our waitress for our check. She replied that our check had already been paid! "You're kidding!" I replied. "No, I'm not kidding. Those two fellas that were at the table back there paid your check for you." I turned around to thank them, but they were gone.

I just want to express my gratitude and appreciation to two generous fellows who apparently appreciate what we veterans tried to do for our country. It really feels good to know that some nice people are grateful for our service even if they don't know exactly what we did or did not accomplish.

*Richard Grover
Mason Township*

WORK TOGETHER FOR WOOD PRODUCTS

To the Editor:

As an owner of a local wood products manufacturing business, your recent article regarding the mill in Greenwood and the current owner's thoughts and assessment of its future caught my attention and my interest.

I think I understand what Ms. Jonaitis was trying to say when she spoke of "culture" in describing the wood products manufacturing environment in Western Maine, but I believe what she may have been trying to explain is a perceived lack of synergy between local wood products manufacturers and a common misconception of manufacturing in general, that "making stuff" is not a worthy career choice.

When I started my current furniture business with my father 40 years ago, we had the absolute luxury of working with area mills on a regular basis, relying on many for the high quality materials we used to create our fine furniture. Today, I must search far and wide for suitable wood. Interestingly, many of the items I regularly seek for my catalog of products could have been produced easily and economically in Greenwood. In fact, as I have often thought, an alliance of businesses that could utilize each other's strengths would make a lot of sense, despite what an economic developer might think.

My impression, for what it's worth, is that Ms. Jonaitis may have sought advice and guidance from the wrong people or entities and may still hold out hope their continued consultation may be helpful. She may be right, but if she would like a second opinion, my number's in the book.

*S. Ross Timberlake
Co-owner, S. Timberlake, Bethel*

THANKS FROM WOODSTOCK HISTORICAL

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Historical Society would like to thank the following local companies for their recent and generous donations: Andre's Construction (Andre Bernier), Bear River Sand & Gravel (Keith Durgin), and Western Maine Supply Co. (Frank Lowell).

We would also like to thank all those who donated (and purchased) items at our yard sale on May 18. Special thanks to Leslie and Sue and all other members who made this event successful. We raised much needed money for the Society.

We would also like to thank the community for their continued support.

Larry Bonney, Society President

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THANKS TO FIREFIGHTERS

To the Editor:

On May 17, 2014, we saw something that really impresses us. It is the Bethel Fire Dept. having another training session here in Bethel.

The dedication of the volunteers from our town as well as surrounding towns is impressive and is certainly something we all should be thankful for. They give up their weekend time to learn skills that we may at some time benefit from. Knowing their dedication to their town's fire department is something each of us should be grateful for.

On the news we have heard that in some towns there is a shortage of volunteers, we are very fortunate to not have this problem; we have a strong department. We personally want to thank all the people that are continuously training and could potentially save our homes or land. Thank you all.

*David and Fran Head
Bethel*

2014 TELSTAR PROJECT GRADUATION

To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank everyone in the community for all of their support for the 2014 Telstar Project Graduation Campaign.

We have had a tremendous outpouring of support from our area businesses, parents, family and friends. Our committee and seniors ran a very successful Pie Sale, Calendar Raffle and a special shout out to the six senior girls and Regina Saucier for diving into the cold waters of Songe Pond on April 26 to raise over \$700. You girls rock!

We have drawn the first 16 days of our Calendar Raffle. The winners through May 16 are as follows: Marcia Monk (\$10); Bruce Faust (\$25); Robert Crockett (\$50); Marie Keane (\$50); Diane Palmer (\$20); Michael Gordon (\$10); Linda Risko (\$10); Perri Robin (\$10); Linda Taylor (\$25); Vicki Kenny (\$50); Kelly Harrington (\$100); James Marion (\$20); Robert Crockett (\$10); Stephanie Jackson (\$10); Alice Deegan (\$10); Joanne Reid (\$25).

Congratulations.

If you would still like to donate you can send any donations to the Superintendent's Office, Attn: Wendy Hanscom, 1 Parkway, Suite 204, Bethel, Maine 04217, or you can contact me on Facebook.

Please join us at graduation on June 6, 2014 at 7 p.m.

*Missy Wakefield
Project Graduation Committee Chair*

LOOKING FOR WITNESSES

To the Editor:

I'm looking for information from anyone who might have seen my car hit while it was parked on Main Street in front of the Bethel Post Office Saturday morning between 10 and 11:30 a.m. My car is a 2010 charcoal gray Toyota Camry, and it received damage to the driver's side bumper, fender and headlight.

Please call me at 595-1810. Thank you.

*Warren Thurston
Gilead*

COMMUNITY NONPROFIT FAIR

To the Editor:

On Thursday, May 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., community members are invited to stop by the Bethel Historical Society and meet staff and volunteers from several of our outstanding local nonprofit organizations. This Community Nonprofit Fair is being organized by the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC), which supports organizations that enhance the quality of place in this region of Maine. Community members can enjoy some light refreshments while learning about local volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, ongoing projects and memberships offered by a variety of organizations. These groups are engaged in everything from recreation and conservation, to health and wellness, arts, education and culture. For anyone looking to be more involved in the community, this is a great opportunity for you!

We appreciate the Bethel Historical Society opening their doors to us and providing space. The event is free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org or (207) 357-3189.

*Amy Scott, Network Facilitator
Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC)*

MAYFAIR THANKS

To the Editor:

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, raffle contributors and attendees for making the Mayfair at Crescent Park on May 10 so successful. With the dreary weather that morning, it was the perfect place to bring kids with all of the events and games taking place indoors at CPS. The games, cake and cookie walks, photo booth, safety information from Oxford County Sheriff and Mt. Valley Lyme Disease Awareness Coalition, maypole, food and raffle were enjoyed by all. Along with a long list of contributions by a number of individuals, parents and grandparents, special thanks goes out to Western Maine Supply, Community Sports, Crescent Park School and the PTA Events Committee members: Amy DeVivo, Bruce Pierce, Renee Charette, Colleen Files, Stacie Melanson, and Meg Steven. See you again next year!

Callie Pecunies, CPS PTA Events Committee Chair

COMBINED RESPONSE

To the Editor:

This is a response to Harry Faulkner's "Just as I Warned" and Richard Grover's "The Disinformation Machine?" last week, both were intended to discredit Seabury Lyon's "The Dis-Information Machine" letter.

I am not sure how much significance Mr. Faulkner's reference to a liberal's beverage of choice would have in the realm of political discourse, but if such is relevant I am sure that the beverage of choice for the hardcore right wing conservatives would be as bitter and galling as is their obvious contempt for factual dialogue.

As Mr. Faulkner suggested, it is not the closed minded liberal that would brand anyone as being uncaring and insensitive to the downtrodden. The hardcore right wing conservative budget of Paul Ryan is dedicated to that end and at the same time it gives what is taken away from the downtrodden as tax breaks to the profanely wealthy. Consequently anyone who endorses, champions, embraces or applauds the underlying concept of that ill-conceived document reveals themselves as being oblivious of, and insensitive to those who happen to be less privileged than themselves.

Richard Grover, referring to Seabury Lyons presentation as being high sounding gibberish is proof positive of just what Seabury was alluding to. The incessant singsong litany of the tabloid media and corporately sponsored super-pacs are slinging as much trumped up mud as they can in hopes that it will stick and be parroted by those who are deceived by its intent.

There is a colossal degree of hypocrisy apparent when the self-proclaimed hardcore conservatives blame the current administration for the magnitude of the national debt and then applaud squandering millions of tax payer dollars on politically biased investigative committees designed specifically to do nothing more than to saturate the media with distraction and distortion; in other words, "Disinformation."

*Don Chase
Bethel*

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The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

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News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Rotary Club was seeking to raise \$15,000 for a Victorian style clock to be placed on land donated by Key Bank.

Pleasant Valley Grange presented the 2004 Community Citizen Award to Lorrie Hoeh.

Deaths: Evelyn G. Bell, Evelyn Mae Nickerson,

20 years ago: Crescent Park was one of 90 schools nationwide to receive a Drug Free Recognition Award from the U. S. Department of Education.

A West Paris hunter tracked down and killed a bear suspected of killing two sheep in Albany, after it had taken a lamb at another location.

Births: Elizabeth Rose Donovan, J. Victoria Brooke Cookson, Isaac Dow.

Deaths: Bruce W. Boyce, Wesley S. Bennoch, J. Burton Abbott, Patrick Kearney, Jr., Robert R. Rountree, Jr.

30 years ago: The SAD 44 Adult & Community Education Program sponsored a Contra Dance at the West Bethel Grange Hall. Alva Morrison and band provided music.

Bethel Boy Scout Troop 565 hosted over 200 scouts and adults for the Snowshoe District's Spring Camporee at Ray Harrington's in the Irish Neighborhood.

Deaths: Raymond N. Tripp, Sr., Mildred E. Kenison, Onel L. Bachelder.

40 years ago: Mundt-Allen Post 81 American Legion announced that Sam Bigelow would be the keynote speaker at Bethel's Memorial Day ceremonies.

The Telstar Library Club sponsored a bus trip to Salem, Mass., to visit places of interest.

Birth: Cesar Fernando Di Battista.

50 years ago: Paving had begun on the parking area of the new Bryant's IGA store, Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings, East Bethel, were announced as co-chairmen of the annual "Mollyockett Day" Bazaar sponsored by the Bethel Health and Service Council.

Frank Lowell's Western Maine Supply Co. was open in the former Bethel Feed and Grain Co. building on Summer Street.

60 years ago: Guy Morgan General Store advertised, "Regular customers here enjoy the advantages of our one-stop store...gas, clothes, groceries, feed."

Baton twirlers at the Bethel Village Schools concert were Carol DeRoches, Nancy Cole, Beth Ann Brown and Nancy Lea Saunders.

Deaths: Miss Cornelia B. Chapman, Miss Lena S. York, Dr. Fred L. Smallsey, Mrs. Arlene Thurston Gray.

70 years ago: L.E. Davis' planer mill, lumber mill and home were destroyed by fire. Fire spread to the woods and other nearby homes were threatened.

Rev. M.A. Gordon, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church for six years, was assigned to the Federated Church, Cornish.

Deaths: Mrs. Susan Graham Kimball, Dr. Charles L. Buck.

80 years ago: The Boy Scouts attended the annual Jamboree of the Pine Tree Council of Boy Scouts of America at Lewiston.

A May Ball, sponsored by the Senior Class of Gould, was held in the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Deaths: Alvin M. Gary, George Brownell, Mrs. Clyde Emery.

90 years ago: Rain, cold and heavy frosts were prevalent the latter part of May.

Elwin L. Wilson received the A.B. degree at Bates College.

Death: Mrs. Martha Lang Hewey.

100 years ago: Frank B. Taylor purchased the Hodgdon house, so called, of E.C. Park.</p

NEWRY

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Newry residents listen as William Andrews, against the wall in the back, describes his work with the Telstar Community Partnership group.

Newry to revisit home remodeling permits

By ALISON ALOISIO

respectively.

"It seems like quite a drastic drop," he said.

Bonney said in the past four years permits for single family homes, for which the threshold is \$2,500, had remained steady.

He added that Bethel requires a permit for any new construction over \$2,500.

Jim Sysko proposed \$10,000 as a monetary threshold.

Some residents wondered if Newry's threshold was lowered, how it might be worded to avoid affecting such projects as painting and reroofing.

Bonney said Maine towns with a population over 4,000 used the Maine Uniform Building and Electrical Code, which uses square footage to exclude small projects, such as decks under 200 square feet.

Steve Wight suggested Newry consider adopting something similar, and add specifics on what would require permitting.

The selectmen agreed to put together a proposal to bring back to a public hearing in the future.

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As for the impact on the other towns of changing that formula or of Newry potentially withdrawing from the district, Sysko said that other districts are able to operate without "superfunds" like Newry supporting them, and some of those schools have gotten good grades from the state.

He also said he had seen statistics compiled by an area resident showing SAD 44's administrative costs are about 20 percent higher than about eight other comparable districts in the state, while its instructional budget is about 25 percent lower. Because of the high costs for Newry and what he said was poor quality of education, Sysko said, "I think we need to have a drastic change."

He said sometimes a crisis can bring about the opportunity to think about solving problems in new ways.

He suggested Newry proceed on parallel tracks - talking with SAD 44 about changing the funding formula while at the same time looking into withdrawing from the district.

"Dysfunctional district"
William Andrews, who for nearly a year has been part of a Telstar Community Partnership trying to improve education at the high school, said he felt frustrated.

"We've been working very closely for a year on this and I've come to the reluctant conclusion that it would take a bomb to change things," he said. "We have a dysfunctional district."

He said about 15 to 20 people had been working on the partnership effort. "It's been nothing but frustration because no one listens," he said.

Asked by Sysko about his communications with Murphy, Andrews said his group was told several times beginning last May there would be reports made about last year's Telstar grade by the superintendent to the community. Andrews said Murphy had said he would "go out and meet with each community" to describe how the grade had come about, and provide more information and a plan for improvement. But the last time they talked with him, said Andrews, Murphy said he was not

ready to do it.

Andrews praised the teachers, however. "Teachers at Telstar are so impressive," he said, "but they've been hit by so many things, they don't know which way is up," referring to various educational programs.

He said his group had had plenty of cooperation from Principal Dan Hart and Dean of Students Charlie Raymond, along with a half dozen teachers, in trying to organize community resources to support the school.

In the context of Newry's concerns, Andrews said he favors focusing on education, but "I don't see any way to get anyone's attention short of saying 'Let's talk about a new way of funding.' Funding gets people's attention. I'm not saying we should withdraw, but we ought to talk about it - use whatever weapons we have."

He also suggested a district-wide citizen committee to look at improving education.

Rob James said that as far as getting the formula changed, the other district towns would not on their own agree to altering it. "To me the only way to negotiate is with the hammer of 'we're thinking of withdrawing,'" he said.

Bob Lowell saw withdrawal as the realistic choice.

"It looks to me like unfortunately our best option is to withdraw," he said, because other options would take "an act of Congress."

Newry's inability to command more say over the spending of its school tax money was also a source of frustration for some.

Andrews also said the same district resident who had compiled the figures Sysko had cited on the percentages spent on administration and instruction had also determined that over three years, 96 percent of votes at the School Board had been unanimous.

"Does that tell you there's a rich give and take between the board and administration?" Andrews asked. "I don't think it does."

Newry directors respond
But Newry School Director Deb Webster said much of the debate and work that leads up to votes at the board takes place at the committee

level. She said work there can go on for months before a proposal that the full board accepts is presented. She encouraged citizens to attend those meetings.

Webster and Newry's other school director, Bonnie Largess, described efforts within the school system focusing on improving education.

They said that with the recent resignation of Hart the board and administration are looking "to do some shaking up, to hold people accountable," in Largess' words.

She said the \$5 million TIF (Teacher Incentive Fund) grant the district received last year is helpful for "having the teachers responsible for why the kids aren't going to school, why they're just settling. It's everyone pitching in."

Webster said the principal's position is now being advertised as "a change agent. We're looking for change - big change."

She said she believes the district's vision for the future of education is good,

but "I also believe it's going to take time," because state and federal money is involved.

As for some of the citizen-researched statistics cited by Sysko, Largess said they were taken from the state Department of Education website and the comparisons made were not always "apples to apples."

Selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom, who also works for SAD 44, added that the district has 118 nonresident students who were not factored into that data. "So it throws the percentages way off of what we spend per student," she said.

Steve Wight said Newry residents need to understand what they are asking for. "Are we asking for lower taxes, or are we asking for better education?" he asked. And if Newry withdrew, he wondered, "Does that make our education process better by getting out?"

Wight favored focusing on

better schools and suggested more involvement by citizens at School Board meetings and better communication with Newry's directors.

Several others agreed the focus should be on improving the education in the district, and wondered if a public meeting conversation with the Commissioner of Education would be valuable.

But Andrews said the commissioner has little power locally, and Murphy would be the better one to talk to.

A straw poll was eventually taken on that proposal, and an easy majority preferred it.

Murphy's response

Murphy, contacted Tuesday, said he would be glad to meet with Newry residents "to address their questions and talk about the many positive things that we are doing throughout the schools, especially the TIF grant, which focuses directly on improving teaching and learning across the district."

As for Andrews' claim that he had not followed up with community meetings regarding the Telstar grade, Murphy said that the \$5 million TIF grant, which was awarded to the district in June and which he said addresses many of the issues related to the grades quickly became the district priority, especially since the district had to catch up on six months of work that the other schools in the grant had already completed. "Mr. Andrews' statement is valid," said Murphy, adding that he had met with all school staff, attended PTA meetings to discuss the report card grades and had been invited to some area selectmen meetings to explain the results. "Hopefully, now that we have two year's worth of results and some additional insights after working all year with the grant, the information will be more complete then it would have been last fall. I will look forward to sharing that with the folks in Newry when we meet."

The district-wide budget meeting to consider the SAD 44 FY15 school budget will take place Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Telstar.

Taxpayers can expect increases of about 5 percent in the local share, according to district officials.

The general fund budget of \$10,564,225 reflects an increase of 1.86 percent over last year's \$10,371,310. The total local funding increase is \$399,469.

"Our projected revenue is down by \$105,000 due to an anticipated lower numbers of tuitioned students," Supt. Dave Murphy said last week. "New to the budget is \$122,000 for the QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bond) principal and interest payback for the Telstar Energy and Air Quality voter-approved project. Those two items account for \$227,000 of the \$399,469 difference in the increase in total local funding."

For more details on the budget see Page 13.

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Briefly

Webster running for Newry selectman

NEWRY-Doug Webster took out nomination papers last Thursday to challenge for the selectmen's seat currently held by board chair Wendy Hanscom, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers. Newry selectmen recently approved a warrant for a secret ballot election June 10 to elect two selectmen, and Hanscom and Selectman Gary Wight resigned, effective June 9. The resignations and a special election are needed because town officials learned in March that there had been a procedural error in the election of the two selectmen in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Hanscom and Wight have also taken out papers for the June vote. Webster challenged Hanscom for her seat in the vote at the March annual Town Meeting and lost, 54-41. The current nomination process is open until May 20. Nomination papers must have a minimum of 10 signatures and a maximum of 25, and must be returned to the Town Office by 5 p.m. May 20.

Menu for basketball equipment fundraiser

BETHEL-The menu for a multi-day basketball equipment fundraiser at 22 Broad Street Restaurant in Bethel has been announced. Bethel Recreation basketball coach Mike Pelletier is leading an effort to raise \$15,000 by July 1 to replace basketball backboards at Telstar High School. He wants backboards that are adjustable in height for smaller kids. The project would also replace padding on the concrete walls under the primary baskets at either end of the court. On nine days in May and June, the restaurant will be open, by reservation, to support the project by donating the food and 100 percent of proceeds and gratuities. The dates will be May 27, 28, and 29, June 3, 4, and 5, and June 11, 18, and 25. The menu is as follows: Appetizers (price range \$5.22-\$8.22); Antipasto, Caprese Skewer, Caesar Salad, Italian House Salad. Entrees (price range \$16.22-\$22.22): Spaghetti and Meatballs, Sunday Gravy (rigatoni, meatball, sausage, braciole), Chicken Parmesan, Eggplant Parmesan, Beef Braciole. Dessert (price range \$5.22-\$6.22): Tira Misu, Chocolate Vazrona, Key Lime Pie. Children under 12: Entrees are smaller and half price, or pasta with butter or marinara, \$5.22.

Grange Hall has no flue

NEWRY-A contractor hired to do chimney work last week at the Bear River Grange Hall, which was built in 1916, discovered that the chimney has no flue. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said nobody knows when the chimney was built, but it can only have a 6-inch diameter flue for the passage of smoke and fumes. However, the hall's furnace requires an 8-inch diameter flue, she said. If the contractor has to install an 8-inch flue, he would have to build a new chimney, she said. Additionally, Selectman Gary Wight said that whoever built the chimney left some bricks sticking out of it, which must be fixed as well. Powers said the furnace is "so old that we're looking at getting a new furnace." Eventually, the board decided to have someone skilled in chimneys and furnaces look into the issues to help determine whether they should replace the furnace or have the chimney rebuilt and an 8-inch flue installed. -T. Karkos/Sun Media Wire

Arts Council receives \$30,000 grant

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has been awarded a two-year \$30,000 grant from The William Bingham II Betterment Fund to build capacity among a large number of organizations in the western Maine region by piloting a project to share an executive assistant with the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaboration, according to a press release.

"BANC appreciates the opportunity to engage in a collaboration with MAC that will enhance our abil-

ity to serve our nonprofit members here and now. We are also excited to pilot a project that can be expanded upon by other BANC organizations in the future, which will further enhance the ability of those groups to serve the community," said Amy Scott, BANC facilitator.

The funding environment for nonprofits has been drastically changing over the past eight years. During this time, funders have asked nonprofits to innovate, seek partners, and to

reduce costs by sharing resources, according to Aranka Matolcsy, MAC executive director.

While there have been numerous successful collaborative programs launched and supported among the members BANC, one of the biggest obstacles to evolving these collaborations has yet to be overcome:

how to share much-needed staff support for multiple organizations, the release said. This grant will cover operations, strategic planning and consultation

to propel this exciting program.

"We are thrilled and grateful to the trustees of the Bingham Betterment Fund for having a broad vision for the value of collaboration to small nonprofit organizations that provide big community benefit by supporting this exciting project," said Matolcsy.

The MAC and BANC will be developing a project timeline over the next few weeks and plans to begin advertising for the position by the end of the month.

SAD 44

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Last year, Woodstock missed a "B" grade by only 1.8 points.

Said Murphy, "The K-8 testing took place shortly after the start of the 2013-2014 school year. As a result, these differences in scores would be attributed to efforts that had already been underway in the schools, as well as to any differences that might have existed within the groups of students who took the tests."

Crescent Park Elementary School remained at a "C" from last year, while Telstar Middle School dropped from a "C" to a "D."

Scoring

Standardized test results in reading and math, including the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) in the lower grades and the SAT in high school, were used in grading. A series of points were awarded for various combinations of testing results, with 400 the maximum total points possible for K-8 and 500 for high schools.

K-8 and high schools shared one common measure, but differed on two others. For all the schools, proficiency (achievement) levels for the most recent

testing were included. For K-8 schools, "growth" – the collective improvement of individual students from the previous year – was also included.

Growth was also included separately for students who had scored in the bottom 25 percent for the previous year.

For high schools, the other two components were the graduation rate based on four- and five-year rates, and "progress" – the most recent three-year average of proficiency plus the difference between that average and the previous three-year average of proficiency. Progress compares from class to class, rather than the K-8 measure of collective growth of individuals.

SAD 44 details

Under those respective criteria:

THS made improvements in both proficiency and progress, with the graduation rates staying about the same.

AES improved in proficiency and growth, except for the bottom 25 percent in reading.

WES improved in almost all categories.

TMS dropped at least slightly in everything but math proficiency.

CPS improved its numerical score but remained in the same grade category.

According to Murphy, Woodstock was one of only 40 elementary schools to receive an "A" this year, and was one of seven to move from a "C" to an "A."

He said Andover was one of 10 schools that rose from an "F" to a "C."

"I was pleased to see that most of our schools showed some solid improvements this year," said Murphy. "Having said that, these report card grades remain only a snapshot of what is happening in Maine schools."

"With the work that the district has been doing over the past year with the TIF (Teacher Incentive Fund) grant, data analysis has been an area of focus for every teacher at every grade level," he said. "Using data to help inform instruction is key to improving student success. I am confident that the many professional discussions that have taken place throughout the year regarding all aspects of the grant will result in continued improvements in teaching and learning opportunities in MSAD 44 in the years to come."

For more on the scores go

to <http://www.mainegov/doe/schoolreportcards/>.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26th OBSERVANCES

ANDOVER

An observance will take place on Memorial Day at 9 a.m. on the common, sponsored by the Knights of Pythias. Rev. Jane Rich and Pastor Ken Wagstaff will participate, and there will also be a flag folding ceremony.

BETHEL

The parade will line up on Mechanic Street at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26 and step off at 10:30 a.m., proceeding up Main Street to the Common. A ceremony will begin there at 11 a.m. with a color guard, firing squad, and Mahoosuc Band. Our speaker this year will be The Honorable William Schneider. All are invited to participate: veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, former Miss Poppies.

EAST BETHEL

A service will take place at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day at the East Bethel Cemetery on the Middle Intervale Road.

GREENWOOD

The parade will step off at the restaurant parking lot at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day. There will be a brief service at the veterans monument, then on to the Locke Mills Church for a service. Speaker will be American Legion Department of Maine Historian Ron Caron. The Historian will speak on the Veteran and history of the American Legion. Refreshments at the Legion Post afterward. (In the event of rain the observance will take place at the Post.)

WOODSTOCK

At 1 p.m. on Memorial Day a ceremony, sponsored by the Bryant Pond Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held at the Honor Roll near the Grange Hall. A parade to the Lake-side Cemetery will follow.

MAINE VETERANS' HOME

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 25, at 2 p.m. at the Maine Veterans' Home at 477 High Street in South Paris. A welcome address will be delivered by Joel Dutton, administrator of the facility, and Joe Cooney. The flag raising will be performed by the WMVAC color guard. There will be placement of the flowers on the Gold Star Mothers Memorial, by facility resident and Marine Lee McGall. The Gettysburg address will be delivered by Art Hill. Guest speaker for the ceremony is Richard Graves, First Vice commander of the American Legion. Music selections will also be part of the program.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, refreshments will be served and tours of the facility will be available. For more information about the Memorial Day program or about services available, call 207-743-6300, or visit www.mainevetshomes.org.

The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



Sometimes I feel like it's my misfortune to spend a good part of my life either standing in the wrong line or waiting in my car in the wrong line. It doesn't seem to matter where I go, the bank, supermarket or even the movies I end up standing in the slowest moving line. If there is more than one line of cars to enter an outdoor event I will always end up in the one that moves like a turtle.

The other day I went to the bank to do a transaction that doesn't take very long. It happened to be a Friday, which for a lot of people is pay day so I anticipated that it might take a little longer. It does amaze me that banks may have six tellers, but on the busiest day of the week only one window will be open.

During the week all six windows will be open with very few people to serve. It just doesn't make sense to me.

Anyway, on this particular Friday there was one window open and about 10 people in line. It appeared that all of these people had multiple transactions to make and it was taking forever. Then an angel of mercy appeared and opened up another window. I was beat out at that window by only one young boy with empty hands. I figured he was probably going to just ask where the bathroom was. Had I been paying better attention I would have noticed that the young man's pockets were bulging at the seams. He proceeded to pull out handful after handful of pennies, unrolled, uncounted and apparently quite sticky as some were sticking to his fingers.

It took some time, but the teller managed to count all the pennies and exchange them for dollar bills. I figured I was home free until the teller took a telephone call and put a "Next Window Please" sign on the counter. The window, where I had started had then grown by at least five more people!

I don't seem to do much better in the supermarket. Under the best of circumstances I find myself shopping a bit

depressing with prices climbing week after week, so by the time I get to the checkout I'm not in the best of moods.

On a busy shopping day the lines always seem to be backed up to the meat counter in the back of the store. This day was no exception and I just hoped my ice cream wouldn't melt before I got to pay for it. By the time it was down to only one person in front of me I was beginning to be hopeful; that is until the customer insisted that the price the scanner came up with was not the sale price that was marked in the aisle. The clerk called for someone to do a price check and let me tell you I've seen houses built quicker than the price check was done. Turns out the customer was looking at the wrong sign.

There are so many other lines that have been a problem for me. So many times that I have been in the ticket line at the movies only to find it sold out by the time I get to the counter. I have stood in a line outside in the cold at a popular restaurant on a Saturday night and by the time I got in my hands were too numb to handle the knife and fork.

The list goes on and on, but the way I see it all lines form in the rear and there will always be someone who has to wait in line before me. They have my deepest sympathy.

The one line that the mere thought of makes me break out in a cold sweat is the line at the

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BUDGET

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DECISIONS IN GREENWOOD-Greenwood residents vote on one of the articles on Saturday's Town Meeting warrant.

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much of the setup work for the truck in-house, voters gave him a round of applause. Curtis negotiated a \$57,100 price for the truck.

Also approved was \$120,000 to repair and pave a section of the Greenwood Road. Under discussion of that and other highway maintenance issues, resident Harry Orcutt thanked Road Foreman Alan Seames and the road crew for a good job in maintaining the roads this past winter, which he characterized as "brutal." Those in attendance applauded.

Looking to the future, Budget Committee member Fran Picirillo said next year the town would finish paying off a half million dollar, five-year road bond used for reclaiming some roads. He said next year he would propose a similar bond for at least that amount for improvements on some of the worst roads in town. He used the Richardson Hollow Road as an example.

Building code

Voters approved an article that combined the existing Land Use, Set-back and Electrical Cut-off Switch ordinances into one entitled Land Use and Building Code.

But one provision under the "Life of a permit" section drew the attention of resident Travis York.

It addressed roofing and siding, and stated that "Tar paper, Tyvek, Typar or similar building vapor barriers as well as tarps or plastic poly films are not allowed for longer than one year while construction is underway." The wording went on to describe allowable siding material, such as rough-hewn boards, clapboards and shingles.

York wondered why such a requirement would be necessary for a small out-building, such as a shed or a shop.

"I think people should be allowed to do what they like within reason, as long as it's not a safety issue... I think this is an added cost to some people," he said. "I really don't think there's

a necessity for an aesthetics clause... We have a lot of people who really don't have the income."

But Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said that after a year the vapor barrier materials viability is "no good," due to weathering.

And, she said, "people like to see new houses," but at the same time "they like to see the house done. That's why this is in there."

She said the vapor barrier material should be covered. "The blue tarps—the running joke is that those Maine roofing, blue tarp—
as long as that type of stuff is covered over. We want people to live in a healthy, safe home environmentally, and getting your home wrapped up properly is important."

Corey-Whitman noted she currently has tarp on her own roof, temporarily.

She said that homeowners leaving the material on structures for an extended period of time is rare, but there are occasional complaints from neighbors.

She also said a building permit can be extended by six months to allow more time for completion, if needed.

Jim St. Germain, who said he had worked in the building trades for years, suggested residents look at the bigger picture.

He said Greenwood's ordinance is much less restrictive than those of larger-population areas, and property owners should "be happy" they don't have to conform to such codes.

"You can do right by your neighbors and just do a good job," he said. "It doesn't take that much extra to do it right the first time and then you don't have to do it ever again."

York still wasn't convinced. "I don't settle for I should be happy," he said.

"We vote, and we pay taxes for that happiness. Nobody in this room should ever feel like they're settling for acceptability."

Another resident asked if the restriction would apply to people who wrap

their mobile homes in poly for the winter.

Corey-Whitman said it only applies to new construction, and to roofing and siding. "It's not a property maintenance ordinance," she said.

After about 15 minutes of discussion voters easily approved the ordinance, with only a handful opposed.

Before approving the annual Transfer Station budget, voters got an update on the status of recycling under the Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corporation. Town Manager Kim Sparks said that as of Jan. 1 member towns would have

a choice of continuing the status quo of pre-sorting recyclables or changing to 'single sort,' in which all items go into one bin.

While more expensive, she said, the single sort option would likely encourage more recycling and thus keep more material out of solid waste, helping to offset the added cost.

In election of town officials, residents re-elected Selectman Arnie Jordan, who ran unopposed, and chose Larry Merlino over Terry Childs, 29-11, for SAD 44 director, replacing the retiring Tammy Goodwin.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 13

At 6:37 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey arrested Richard A. Marin, 44, of Bethel and charged him with first offense OUL.

Thursday, May 15

At 8:35 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Walters Mills Road for a report of juveniles under the influence of marijuana. The matter was handled internally at the school, and no court action was planned at the time.

At 11:06 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a motorcycle crash on Mayville Road in Bethel. The two motorcycle operators were taken to the hospital with what were believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

At 8:22 p.m. a Bethel resident reported four-wheelers digging up property. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Friday, May 16

At 1:06 p.m. a report was received of an employee in Bethel terminated earlier in the day returning later and causing problems. Cpl. Justin Brown issued a criminal trespass warning.

Saturday, May 17

At 11:56 a.m. a Bethel subject reported his juvenile son was being accused of stealing marijuana and wanted it documented. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 7:26 p.m. deputies responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a report of a subject lying on the side of the road, conscious but not alert. The caller suspected he was intoxicated.

Sunday, May 18

At 12:38 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Bethel Fire Station for a vehicle with a smashed window.

At 11:55 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of ATVs operating on the side of Route 2. The deputy educated two suspects on ATV laws and issued warnings.

At 7:58 p.m. on the West Bethel Road Deputy Peter Casey arrested Michael R. Piawlock, 59, of Bethel for violation of conditions of release.

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TOWN OF BETHEL PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Thursday May 29, 2014 at 7 PM at the town office to receive public input and discuss proposed amendments to two separate ordinances. These ordinances are entitled Signs, and Site Plan Review. For more information, please contact the Bethel Town Office at (207) 824-2669 or by email at info@bethelmaine.org.

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lished businesses, attracts new business, and expands successful businesses—those are the three components of good economic development," he said, adding, "Bethel is a historic service center; it has a lot going for it."

Bethel's railroad platform, built in 1994 as part of the Bethel Station project, is the only 400-foot platform between Montreal and Portland.

"So when we talk about international service, long distance service between Boston and Montreal, such as the hotel train," Donovan said, "the only place in Maine we can stop is right there, until we get to Portland."

Donovan said his group has a commitment from Canadian entrepreneur Francois Rebello, who is developing plans for an overnight hotel train between Montreal and Boston, to stop in Bethel.

"I want to talk to you tonight about another concept, for passenger rail [service] between Portland and, at least, Bethel," Donovan said.

He told the committee that a number of factors have combined to increase the potential for passenger rail service in the near future.

"Transit-oriented development is kind of the buzzword around the country these days, and the nice thing about buzzwords is that they get funded," Donovan said. "At the local level, you can make decisions here, and get the attention of federal funding sources."

Sustainable communities and ways to reduce the environmental impacts of both commuting and vacation travel are issues that have moved to the forefront.

Donovan and his wife have planned a car-free vacation this summer, during which they will walk the half-mile from their home to the Portland Amtrak station, take the train to Brunswick, then ride an excursion train to Newcastle. From there, they will take a trolley to Boothbay Harbor, where they will spend three days.

"The idea is, we're going to show that you can do car-free vacations in Maine," he said. "The whole concept of integrating transportation and multi-town cooperation—we can do that anywhere, and we can do it on a bigger scale here in Bethel."

He also cited the possibility of combining passenger rail service with the ability to ship local agricultural products to markets in Portland or Boston.

"Maine is ahead of the game, nationwide, in terms of local foods, as well as organic foods," and provisions in the recently passed Farm Bill, he said, "open the door to Maine's ability to market its agricultural products better."

Gems and minerals will become an important part of economic development in the area, Donovan predicted.

"I just had a tour of the new mineral museum. There's another [resource] you're leveraging," he said. "This thing is not only a gem museum; it's a gem. This thing could put you on the map internationally."

The passenger trains Donovan's group proposes would use diesel multiple units, or DMUs, electric railcars that are powered by two diesel engines, have from one to several cars in the middle, and can also be converted to run on an overhead wire, a third rail, or hydrogen fuel-cell batteries.

"The vision we're talking about is not push-pull locomotives like the big Amtrak trains you see, [although] we do envision that coming through here on the way to Montreal," Donovan said.

The DMUs are "smaller, faster, more economical, more environmentally friendly, and less intrusive on communities," he said. "They are common around the world, and becoming more common in the United States."

The MRTC is targeting private investors, who would own and operate the trains.

In the interest of full disclosure, Donovan told the committee that as a commercial Realtor, he represents Bethel Station. He would like to see the project developed into a shopping and service area, easily accessible by car, foot, and rail.

He said his particular passions are for railway infrastructure, successful community planning, and combining the two.

"There are a lot of opportunities out there that your municipality can start to plan for, to access, to do things that you want to do, the way that you want them done. Don't let the state tell you what to do, or the feds tell you what to do—you can say, 'This is what we want in our community.'"

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Rhonda Bunker,
representing Mt. Val-
ley Lyme Disease Coalition,
presented a request
from the coalition to dis-
play green Lyme Disease
ribbons at the town office;
the coalition would like to
display banners and "yard
signs" (sandwich board
style) on or near town prop-
erty such as Davis Park,
Rhonda is a survivor of
Lyme disease which is car-
ried by deer ticks. May is
Lyme Disease Awareness
month. Green signs are up
at frequently used intersec-
tions in the village.

Cross Excavation was awarded the contract for Vernon Street upgrade (from April 14 meeting minutes); the town office will be replacing four computers which run on Windows XP.

This year's town meeting will be June 10 and 11. The June 10 voting ballot will have (1) vote for two selectmen; candidates are Patricia Carter, Aaron Crockett, Gabe Perkins and Lloyd Sweetser; (2) for assessors, vote for two: Donald G. Bennett and Robert Blake (both candidates are currently assessors); (3) SAD 44 Directors: vote for two, Roberta Taylor, Amy Forbes Devivo. Voting will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Crescent Park School.

Oxford County regional recycling is planning for handling of single-stream recycling. This means all recyclables - paper, tin cans, aluminum and plastic grades 1-7 (currently only number 2 plastic is accepted) would go into one bin instead of separate bins. Proposed switchover date is Jan. 1, 2015.

Sign ordinance proposed changes: if approved sign applications will be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer for approval instead of the Planning Board.

Bethel has received a request to consent to transferring its cable television franchise from Time Warner to Comcast.

The Bethel Planning Board meeting scheduled for May 14 was cancelled. Agenda for this meeting included hearing the site plan application from the proposed Family Dollar Store.

1889 Twitchell Barn Gets New Life

In Mayville, Paul and Charisa Legault are hard at work converting the last stand of the Twitchells into a place for weddings, reunions, meetings plus social and business functions. The interior of the old barn is in excellent shape and shows today's public the artwork of 19th century timber and beam construction.

This week Cross Excavation was working on a large parking lot behind the barn. Main entrance to the barn for those coming to functions there will be the north end entrance. Once inside one will be greeted with a full view of the barn beams and a new hardwood floor. Within the main barn there will be a main floor bar and above it a complete kitchen; otherwise, the barn interior will be entirely open. (The former livestock entrance will be closed.) When I stopped in this week, Paul was working on the restrooms which will be in the ell facing the road.

The Legaults have some primarily outdoor bookings scheduled for later this year but the planned first full meeting and wedding season will be 2015.

Other happenings noticed this week

Spring Planting in Mayville - Across Mayville Road from the 1899 barn, Sunday River Farm has completed its potato planting in Mayville and has moved on to other fields in the Bethel area. And across the road from Irving the Good Food Store has a large sign saying that BBQ will be back by mid-May. And at Bethel Outdoor Adventure the Parsons have spring cleaning and interior painting going on. Jim Sysko has stopped by to talk about 2014 bridge work.

Within the last week, Crossroads Diner has a large new sign. In my recollection this is a first of



BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT-Vivian Hoy, 93, was recently awarded Greenwood's Boston Post Cane by Fred Henderson, chair of the Greenwood Board of Selectmen, honoring her as the town's oldest resident. A native of New Brunswick, Canada, Mrs. Hoy moved with her parents to Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood as a child. She met her husband, Ralph, in Portland, and after his service in the Navy, they settled in Attleboro, Mass., where Mrs. Hoy worked as a nurse and they raised their two sons, Doug and Lenny. The family had always skied at Mt. Abram, and following Ralph's retirement they returned to Maine full-time, moving to Greenwood in the mid-1970s. The tradition of the Boston Post cane dates back to 1909, when Edwin Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, distributed 700 canes, made of ebony and fitted with an engraved head made of 14k gold, to towns around New England. Grozier stipulated that each cane would be presented to the oldest male citizen of the town (eligibility was opened to women in 1930). About 450 of the original canes are known to still be in existence in towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Photo: A. Chapman

its kind for the restaurant going back to Bottle and Bag days. Also work on the porch for outside eating was finished up and ready for its heavy summer use.

At Crescent Park, friends alerted me to the work going on and busy trafficking in and out of the field. Dugouts are being repaired and part of the outfield perimeter fence looks like it has new board - and regular spring maintenance work. A ball field here fits history well. In the late 1870s a ball club of young men who wore gray uniforms with a Red Crescent emblem played here which then became known as the Crescent Grounds. Crescent Park School is named for this early ball club.

In this week's Bethel Journals webpage, there are before and after photos of the Spring Street house which is located between Mike O'Donnell and Muriel Butters. I have watched work going on there for the last two years. Its remodeling included a front porch and enlargement of window area of the second floor. In 1983 Sue Farrar wrote a history of Spring Street for

the Bethel Historical Society Courier. At that time she referred to the house as the Maud Hunt place. (Frank Hunt had been a Bethel deputy sheriff.) In 1856 the land was given by Moses Mason to Moses Patee. Patee built the "Patee's Hall" across the street which after its Bethel Grange Hall years became the apartment house called the "beehive". Current owners of the remodeled house live in Rye, N.H.

Looking Back - 1891, Gilead Booms - She Will Get Ahead of Rumford Falls Big lumber mill going up and eight miles of railroad to be built; the Sons of Italy are already at work. [Special to the Democrat] Gilead, July 23, 1891.

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end. I am stunned that we're already looking at the beginning of our summer season. I seemed to have missed the month of April and now May is flying by.

Do you have any special plans for the weekend? Does your family have any traditions for this time of year? Maybe a visit to the cemetery to remember loved ones, a cookout, a softball game or do you take advantage of this weekend to begin planting your garden, like Andy and I do?

Andy and I are excited to share that not only will our vegetable garden be growing this summer, but a member of our family, as well. Our son, Alex, and his girlfriend, Christine, are expecting their first child together. They already share Christine's beautiful daughter Taejyah, and now we're all looking forward to welcoming the newest member of our Crockett family sometime before Christmas.

I look forward to developing new traditions for our family, but must admit that I'm still a bit shocked. I mean, I remember like it were yesterday, reading bedtime stories to Alex and carrying him off to his bed when he fell asleep watching a movie. Where did the time go?

Please join Andy and me in congratulating Alex, Christine and Taejyah, and praising God for a new and wonderful life that's being nurtured and loved all these months before we meet face to face.

Now, I noticed that Chuck and Angie Haynes' son, Alex, was headed back to the states last week from a tour in the Middle East. I'm not sure if his destination is East Bethel, but I'm sure there is relief that he will be on American soil.

Please join me in extending a salute of safe return to Alex and wish him well in his plans for the future.

If I may, I'd like to take the opportunity to ask you all to say a prayer for a couple of neighbors from Andover. My new friends, Clay and Lindsay Smith, son and daughter-in-law of David and Donna, are on the Appalachian Trail. They started from Georgia a few weeks ago, but had to take a little time off due to Lindsay taking a fall.

They got back on the trail this week and will now have to put some miles

on to race the weather to Katahdin for their October finish. Please pray for their safety and for God to put amazing trail magic in their path and whatever else He sees fit for them to have a memorable and successful hike. I know they will be appreciative of your prayers.

In closing this week, I wanted to share this with you, as it seems only fitting. On Monday, as I opened "Our Daily Bread," I glanced at the bottom of the page first, as I always do and saw this, "Look for God's purpose in your next interruption."

My gosh, how full of interruptions our lives are, right? Whether we're stuck behind a slow car only to travel further down the road and come upon an accident. Maybe you had plans to make it to the gym four mornings this week, but your child woke up early and you were able to enjoy some early morning time with them that you normally wouldn't have.

I pray you join me this weekend in seeing the blessing that He's gifting us when our plans are changed and He takes control.

Alder River Grange had a regular meeting on May 9 with nine members present. They had a new member join the grange, Kimberly Lee. The grange has a design for a comfort station (outhouse) now and next will be getting any building permits that are needed.

This is a community service project for the East Bethel Church. This year, Alder River Grange will try to exhibit at Cumberland Fair. There is, or was last year, only one grange exhibiting at Cumberland. The grange will have their first supper on June 28. It will be a ham supper. There will be a peal party on June 27 to prep the veggies and potatoes.

I wanted to thank everyone for calling, e-mailing or stopping by these last couple of weeks with news for the column. I will use this time as a reminder, to please have your information to me by 6 on Sunday evening. With my busy writing schedule for the RFT on Monday, it's helpful to get my East Bethel column completed on Sunday.

If you find that you would like to share some family news, please e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or

you can call me at 357-3469. Blessings to you and your family for a safe and memorable Memorial Day weekend.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Our property taxes will be going up by something around 10 percent. Since all the budgetary requests were passed at last Saturday's town meeting, those requests have to be paid for somehow. Right now the mil rate per thousand property evaluation is 11.65 per thousand dollars. It could increase to "something near 12.5 per thousand" said Town Manager Kim Sparks. Other factors, such as the school budget, could increase or decrease (Yeah, sure) that amount.

A speed monitor is in use around town now. Recently it was on the Greenwood Road near the Cole Road intersection. It is on loan for two weeks from the Maine Department of Transportation. Every year MDOT has a lottery for towns to be able to use the monitor. This year Greenwood was one of the towns selected. Our highway department plans to move the monitor to different locations around town while it is on loan.

Maine Superior Court recently dismissed two motions by Doug and Bertha Grover regarding their unauthorized junk yard on Rowe Hill Road. The Grovers had asked the court to reduce the fees and dismiss the case. The judge denied both and declared the site must be cleaned up by July 1 or the Town will go in and do that.

Administrative Assistant Angie Lovejoy will be returning to work this week. She has been on maternity leave for four weeks. Welcome back, Angie.

The full menu is set at The Local Hub. Breakfast ranges from eggs, bacon/ham, home fries, and muffin/toast for \$5.99 (all homemade!) to homemade bagel with lox, smoked salmon, cream cheese, capers and onion. Lunches are sandwiches, wraps, salads, pizza,

za and burritos. You can have your choices to-go or eat-in. Yummy food.

Friday Firefighters Fish Fry this week, May 23, 3 to 7 p.m., at the fire station on Howe Hill Road.

This Saturday, May 24, there will be a bird walk at Maggie Ring Nature Park on the Greenwood Road. This is sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust. Meet in the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Yawn, but that is when the birds are out and about.

Speaking of out and about, have you noticed that with the leaves, flowers and warmer temps that the black flies and mosquitoes have returned? Have had my first bites from each. And so we begin the choreographed sequence of slap, itch, wave arms in the air in our attempts to deal with these creatures.

Local "boy" Dean Bennett, PhD., recently gave a good presentation about the Wild River and the abandoned town of Hastings in Evans Notch. The town was established in the late 1800s to serve the logging operations in the notch. Hardly a primitive town, it had electricity, running water, and its own school. The town was abandoned and subsequently dismantled due to clear cutting. The mountains had been denuded of trees when a late winter flood in 1903 swept through the notch followed by three months of drought that same spring.

These two events would have been significant under normal conditions. The clear cutting turned them into major disasters for the town as well as for the logging operations. It would be wishful thinking to believe that us humans have permanently learned a lesson from this. Take a look at some of the mountain sides north of Andover. You'll see cleared forests and mountain sides. We are a hard species to teach.

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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Hall with eight members present. Correspondence read announcement of a wreath laying and memorial service by Maine Dept. of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Evergreen Cemetery in Portland on May 23 at 10 a.m. All daughters are encouraged to attend. Sally reported on Memorial Day plans. Twenty-six calls were reported. AJ Cory received the mystery package. President Vicki read an article that happened near Brownville, Texas on this date in 1865. Next meeting is June 9.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service as well as "Bloom" for girls 13 to 18 years and "Foundations" for boys 15 and up.

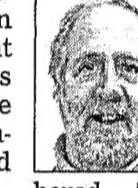
The exercise class meets each Thursday 9:30 to 10:30 at the library. Nancy Willard is leader.

The Woodstock High School Alumni Banquet this year will be held at the Masonic Hall in Bryant Pond. Banquet date is June 21, the third Saturday in June. Honor classes this year: 2014 from Telstar from Woodstock and Greenwood and classes of '64, '54, '44, etc. Why not make it a point to attend?

Larry Billings received a letter from President Obama in response to a letter he had written about volunteering and meeting notable people through the Woodstock Historical Society.

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By DOUG WEBSTER



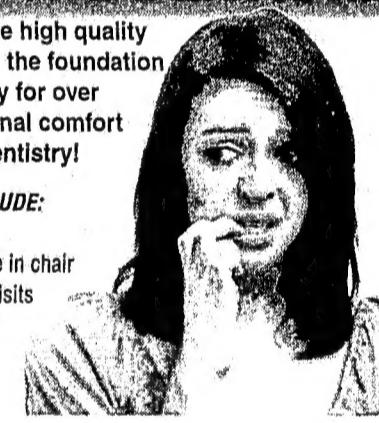
Memorial Day: A day in which those who died in active military service are remembered. Traditionally observed on May 30, but now officially observed on the last Monday in May. (Webster's Dictionary)

The PBS website says, "Originally called Decoration Day from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags. First widely observed May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. Small towns across America had started observing the day in the three years after the Civil War. In 1863, New York became the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. More states adopted and declared the day a legal holiday. After WWI, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all American wars, and then was well established as a national holiday. Some of the southern states celebrate on different days and refer to the day as Confederate Memorial Day."

I know the three-day weekend is a great vacation to look forward to after a long winter. And I know that in my later years, I've always looked forward to having the time off, hopefully doing some kind of outdoor activity, or planting the garden, or whatever one may do with that extra day off! But I can remember when I was a kid, there didn't seem to be a lot going on. And it was not as busy as it is now (I am sure my parents felt differently). But I always remember having small gatherings and cookouts with family and friends, and always going to the local observance. And what an impression I had after seeing the different veterans in their uniforms and listening to the speeches.

So try to take some time off this weekend to remember the sacrifices that countless men and women have made for this country. And remember what they died for. They helped to make this country one of the greatest nations in history. God bless and have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

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Meet Howie

Howie is a young dog. His breed is Catahoula Leopard Dog. This breed is very loving and protective with family. They can make excellent watch dogs. The Catahoula Leopard Dog is not aggressive. Similar to other herding breeds it is a natural leader.

Howie is not only pleasant to the eye but he is pleasant in every way. He is a quick learner and devoted to his handler. Howie will be looking for a home with strong pack leadership and someone who will train with him and build the confidence he will need to be the best that he can be. He will require daily exercise and play time. Howie has so much potential. If you know and understand this wonderful breed, you will enjoy Howie.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com. For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Thursday, May 22, 2014

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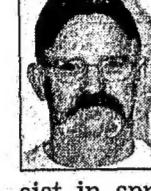
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with the telephone land lines that are intermittent for some reason. Otherwise, I love it that "the plan came together!"

And we're eating fresh asparagus from the garden!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



A group of Upton Historical members made the trip to Carry Road Saturday.

May 17, to assist in spring raking and cleaning. The weather was much better than predicted and the mission was a success.

Sunday, May 18 the Society held their monthly meeting. They made plans for "Upton Fun Day," the tour to Forest Lodge and discussed ways to raise money to help with their purchase of Louise Dickens Rich's "Winter House."

The Letter B Notch Riders met Sunday, May 18. They talked about their trails, bridges and signs. They also decided to have a trail trash cleanup followed by a cookout for their June 14 meeting.

Upton Town Meeting will Thursday, June 19 at the school at 7 p.m.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Backyard Reflections

By Sara Wright

Just yesterday while raking debris off one of my very wild perennial gardens I noticed native miner bees (they live in the ground) pollinating clumps of deep purple crocus. These diminutive dark brown/black wild bees are probably the first pollinators to appear in the spring besides the bumble bee and non native honey bees who are also visiting the popular and willow catkins on warm days.

It wasn't all that long ago that I took all bees for granted I mused as I noted the first small reddish green leaves of bee balm curling around on the surface of moist ground. I originally planted this herb with the intention of letting the flaming red mint spread from one end of my garden to the other to provide food for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds never imagining that bees would one day disappear. I knew that conservation biologists/naturalists were concerned about the general decline in bee abundance.

Native bees can be classified as being solitary or social. There are more than

dance and species diversity; I was one of them. But I hadn't anticipated the loss of all my honey bees at once. It wasn't until the scarlet fireworks began in July of 2004 that I noticed an ominous silence. The continuous hum of honey bees that I associated with the onset of blooming bee balm was absent. I was dumbfounded. Because I also had wild blueberries, meadowsweet, and goldenrod growing in my field in addition to my flowering trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetable garden, and had never used pesticides, I knew that I had perfect bee habitat so the problem of the missing honey bees became something of an obsession.

My "bee awakening" led to research. I learned that a mite was partially responsible for the recent European and North American honey bee colony collapse, but that all bees not just honey bees were in trouble. Loss of habitat, extremes in weather, and the continued use of lethal pesticides/herbicides, many of which backyard gardeners routinely use to deal with insect invasion had reached a critical threshold.

Bees are keystone organisms. Their presence is essential for maintaining the integrity, productivity, and sustainability of many kinds of ecosystems: the forest understory, pastures, fields, meadows, fruit orchards, our backyard gardens and many agricultural crops. Without bees many flowering plants will become extinct.

I also discovered that most of the bees in Maine landscapes are native, and that these bees are exceptional pollinators of our plants/trees/shrubs/flowers because native bees have been co-evolving with native plants for millions of years (There are more than 40 wild Maine "blueberry bees" that pollinate our blueberries).

Native bees are also able to deal effectively with predators maintaining stable populations.

In contrast, the honey bee which was brought to this country by the colonists in the 1600's, although an excellent pollinator (except for blueberries), has not co-evolved with the varroa mite which was only recently introduced by humans. As a result honey bee populations have been decimated by this parasite. Currently, honey bee keepers must rely on antibiotics/insecticides to keep their hives healthy.

Native bees can be classified as being solitary or social. There are more than

270 species of native bees in Maine and six bee families: plasterer, miner bees, sweat bees, melliids, leafcutter (blueberry bees) and mason bees, and my favorite, bumble bees. I will focus on bumblebees throughout the rest of this article.

Bumble bees are social and belong to the same family as honey bees. Both store collected pollen in special pollen baskets on their hind legs. Another characteristic of bumble bees is that they are inclined to be large, and very hairy. Bumble bees tend to be active, foraging throughout the spring summer and fall, while other smaller native bees are restricted to a 3 to 6 week period of activity. Bumble bees will also fly further to seek nectar, to pollinate flowers and to search for nest sites.

Sixteen bumble bee species are found in Maine and most are black with yellow or orange markings (orange belted bumble bee). Bumble bees visit flowers even in cold rainy weather and are superior pollinators (much more efficient than the honey bee). Some nest above ground, some below. A few take over abandoned rodent or bird nests; others like cavities in foundations or stone walls or brush piles. I have had one colony nesting in a stone wall that overlooks another of my gardens providing me with ongoing field observations about how these bumble bees go about making their living. In Maine bumble bee colonies rarely have more than 40 to 100 individuals. In contrast honey bees live in huge colonies.

All bees including bumble bees develop in four stages: the egg, the larva, the pupa, and the adult. What follows is the life cycle of the orange belted bumble bee to give the reader an idea of the general process. A queen emerges from hibernation in the early spring. She nourishes herself on flower nectar and pollen which she does from April into mid-May, and then she must find a good place to raise her family so she cruises above the ground looking for a nest site. Once a place is chosen and she is secreting enough wax she makes a waxen cell in the center of the nesting area where she lays some eggs. She also makes a waxen "honey pot" for storing the nectar and pollen (also called bee bread) that she has gathered. The eggs hatch into larvae in 3 or 4 days that feed on the contents of the honey pot. The pupae

stage comes next and after 14 days beautiful silvery worker bees emerge. When these adult female workers have gathered enough nectar and pollen for the nest the queen devotes her time to laying and incubating more eggs. She also defends the nest against predators. From mid to late summer she lays special unfertilized eggs which develop into males. Next she produces new queens. Each new queen must find a mate and then search for a good place to spend the winter underground. Throughout the winter each queen is dormant in her hibernation cell waiting for spring to begin the cycle again. The female workers, males, and the old mother queen of each colony die by mid-autumn.

Needless to say, over the past years I have become an avid bee watcher. I am happy to be able to report that after the death-like silence of that first summer more and more bumble bees arrived (along with other small bees) to pollinate my flowers and serenade me with their continuous hum as they worked. Some of the bumble bees were smaller than the orange belted bumble bee and at the time of this writing I have about six species feeding here from late spring to fall along with many small native bees and a few honey bees. When my apple, crabapple, and cherry trees are blooming the blossoms will attract a swarm of honey bees all at once. I am assuming that these bees come from hives that have been managed by local bee keepers because they appear so suddenly and in such great profusion. Sometimes, I will just go outside and stand under one of my flowering trees just to soak up the soothing sound made by an insect that I once took for granted.

To attract bees to your home plant clover instead of grass seed. Mow less frequently. Many bees are killed by lawnmowers. Leave natural areas around your house that will support wild asters, goldenrod, wild clover, Saint John's wort, meadow sweet, wild lily of the valley etc. Provide sources of water and remember that mud, leaves, and resins are important for the life cycle and health of many native bees. Leave a few brush piles for bees to use as homes. Plant native perennials whenever possible because they are generally richer in pollen and nectar sources (Bees also

love to feed on annual sunflowers, scarlet runner beans, and nasturtiums). Provide a succession of multicolored phlox, buttercup, primrose, rose, oregano, thyme, in my gardens bee balm, summer annuals, day lilies, and fall asters creating a continuous wave of starflowers, violets, shooting stars, Solomon's seal, from spring to frost.

Lauren Head honored in Bethel

The Mahoosuc Arts Council is pleased to announce artist and educator Lauren Head as the 2014 Bethel Art Fair Artist of Honor.

Each year the council chooses to illuminate the work and contributions of a Bethel artist who has made an indelible impact on our community. A multi-media exhibit of Lauren's paintings, drawings, sculptures and more will be on exhibit at the Owen Gallery at Gould Academy during the 25th Annual Bethel Art Fair July 4 through 6.

"Lauren is an extremely talented artist, passionate teacher and altruistic volunteer who represents the ideals of what it means to support and advance the arts. It is our privilege to have Lauren in our community and to be able to honor her contributions this way," said Aranka Matolcsy, executive director.

For over 12 years, Lauren has been a Mahoosuc Arts Council board member, donor and ARTirondack Chair artist helping to develop high-quality community and educational arts programming which has significantly enhanced the quality of place and education in western Maine.

As Art Faculty for 28 years at Gould Academy she has been a leader in teaching blacksmithing, metal design, sculpture, freshman-sophomore art and design. Lauren has a BA in studio and is also the founder and director of the Gould Blacksmithing Program.

Lauren has attended numerous workshops at institutions including Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Penland School of Crafts, Center for Creative Imaging, The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center and Peters Valley Craft Center. She has been responsible for coordinating workshops with visiting artists to support the art curriculum and the Sophomore Four Point Program at Gould Academy. Her work has been commissioned for non-profit and private collections. Most recently her work was featured over the winter by the Maine Art Education Association for a members' exhibit at the Saco Art Museum.

Along with being an art educator, Lauren is a former member of the United States Telemark Ski Team and a National Champion in Telemark GS and Moguls. Currently she is the head coach of the alpine ski racing development program and is a Level 3 nationally certified coach. When Lauren isn't teaching or working in the studio she can be found spending time with her family; husband Robert Baribeau and son Alexander. She loves climbing mountains, skiing, tending chickens and participating in activities in the outdoors.

Her work painting about 10 or more (we've lost count!) beautiful ARTirondack Chairs have raised significant funding to enable the council's mission to support arts education and community arts.

FMI: Contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council at 207-824-3575, info@mahoosucarts.org or www.mahoosucarts.org.

Wind Power topic at Whitman Library

Todd Presson of Patriot's Renewables and Spruce Mountain Wind will be the featured speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on June 12 at 2 p.m. His topic will be "Wind energy – an increasingly important source of power for our region." Mr. Presson has been with Patriot Renewables for a number of years and was very involved in establishing the 10 Turbine wind farm on Spruce Mountain in Woodstock and is currently the town's contact for Spruce Mountain Wind.

Please come and enjoy what will be an interesting presentation on wind energy.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

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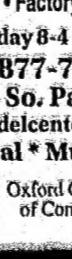
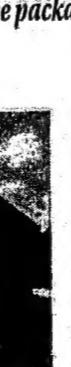
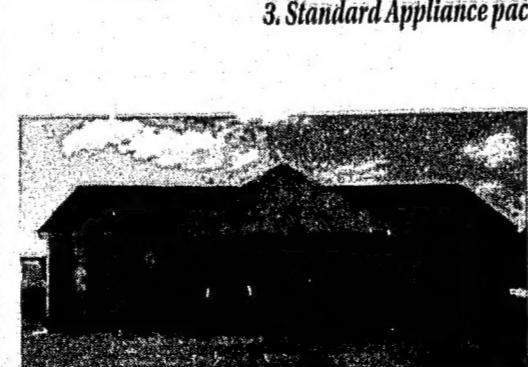
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Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met at the Rooster's Roadhouse for their meeting and luncheon with 46 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led in the salute of the flag and offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Norman Beaupre and the door prize by Stanley Sobocinski.

The next meeting will be June 11 at the Bethel Alliance Church. Meeting starts

at 11 a.m. The menu is a variety of summer salads and rolls for those who would like to make a sandwich. Reservations must be made before June 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Price of lunch: \$10.

There was a discussion about trips and a yard sale.

Florence Merrill spoke about member Gerry Shimamura who passed away in May. She told about some points of interest of her life.

She was a very hard worker and was very helpful to other people. She also was an army veteran.

Members of Bethel Rescue were present to take blood pressures.

Just a reminder, there are some members who have not paid their dues.

May birthdays are Beth Cormier, Bette Gilbert, Sandra Gunther, Denise Swan, Stanley Sobocinski and Joe Shimamura.

School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 Elementary School Lunches

May 22 through May 30

Thursday: Roast pork and gravy with dinner roll or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, green beans, peaches, wholegrain chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, baked beans, baby carrots, watermelon.

Monday: Memorial Day. No School.

Tuesday: Tacos with seasoned rice and salsa or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, seasoned corn, mixed fruit, apples.

Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, pasta and bean salad or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, Caesar salad, green beans, peaches, kiwi.

Thursday: Italian Dunkers with meat dipping sauce or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, steamed broccoli, mixed fruit, fruit choice.

Friday: Cheese or hamburger pizza or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, four-bean salad, cucumber slices, strawberry cup.



Valedictorian: Marcello DeLuca

Valedictorian Marcello DeLuca is the son of Thomas DeLuca and Victoria Firmani of Hanover, ME. Marcello has attended Gould for four years. Over his academic career, his course work has included AP U.S. History, AP Biology, AP Language and Composition, AP Government and Politics, AP Physics, and AP Chemistry. A driven Nordic skier, Marcello was captain of the Gould Academy Competition Program Nordic team and competed all four years. He was named Gould Nordic Skier of the Year his junior year. In

Top Gould students

the fall he ran on the cross-country team and in the spring he was captain of the cycling team. A talented musician, Marcello played the trumpet in the Gould band for three of his four years. He is the recipient of the Freshman Science Book Award, the Junior Science Book Award, and the Spanish Book Award. A natural leader, Marcello was elected a student proctor his senior year. He will attend the University of Minnesota in the fall.



Salutatorian: Jong Kuk Lee

Salutatorian Jong Kuk "JK" Lee is the son of Ho Young Lee and Jung-Hyun Kang of

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Sports Results

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar vs. St. Dominic's; May 16 - Telstar's softball team recorded their record to 6-2 with a win over St. Dom's on Friday. Jessica Dirago shut the Saints down, allowing only one hit and striking out 12. Becca Howard paced the offense with 2 hits, one grand slam home run and the other a based loaded double to drive in 7 runs for the Rebels. She got plenty of help from Aislinn Forbes with 4 hits and 2 runs scored, Autumn Morin with 4 hits and 3 runs scored and Sadie Ellsworth with 4 hits as well. Jessica contributed 2 hits to the offense. - Coach Jim Lunney

High School JV Softball

Telstar 8, Mt. Valley 4; May 13 - The THS JV Softball Team traveled to Mt. Valley to take on the Falcons last Tuesday night. Behind strong pitching performances by Olivia York and Tehya Johnson, the team rolled to victory. Combined the hurlers gave up 5 hits, 2 walks, and an impressive 15 strikeouts. Offensively the team was led by York with 2 singles, Hayley Peterson with a triple and single, 2 hits for Taylor Merrill, and a single for Wynster Morin. Blair Stevens did another great job behind the plate for the team for the second night in a row. Ashley Savage made a great play on a line drive a shortstop in defense of the lead in the 7th inning. The team is now 2-1 on the season. Great game, ladies, we are making the necessary improvements each and every game. - Coach Mark Kenney

Lisbon 7, Telstar 2; May 16 - The Telstar Lady JV Rebels Softball team finally hosted their first home game Friday. The Rebels lost in the rainy and windy conditions. Tehya Johnson and Olivia York gave up 8 hits, 4 walks and combined for 7 strikeouts. The defense behind them worked hard but a few errors helped the Greyhounds open up the game. Johnson helped her cause at the plate with a single and a triple, York added 2 singles, along with singles by Lisa Gammon, Ashley Savage, and Blair Stevens. The Rebels continue to work on getting runners across the plate again leaving nine runners on including bases loaded in the bottom of the 7th. The Rebels have a game today (Thursday) at Oak Hill. - Coach Mark Kenney

Middle School Varsity Softball

Telstar 5, Buckfield 1; May 12 - Telstar Middle School softball was back in action last Monday playing a tough Buckfield Middle School team. The Lady Bucks struck first in the top of the first inning with one run across the plate. The Rebels answered back in the bottom of the inning with a home run off the bat of Shelby Cowin, and never looked back. Other Lady Rebels with hits were Ashley Childs (2 doubles and 1 single) and Lauren Merrill (1 single). Many of Telstar's girls received base on balls which proved that they are watching the ball and that they are confident in their strike zone. Great defensive plays on the field helped keep the Buckfield players off the base paths. Lauren Merrill pitched all 7 innings giving up 2 hits and 3 walks while striking out 8. Telstar's record is now 4-0. Great Job ladies! - Coach Merrill

Telstar 12, Dixfield 0; May 15 - Telstar Middle School girls Softball Team played a Great game against the visiting Dixfield Cougars. Leading the Lady Rebels with hits



TMS TRACK-Telstar Middle School's Cameron Simard runs in a recent track meet at Telstar. Submitted photo

and RBIs was Erin Childs, she had 2 home runs and 6 runs batted in! Other Rebels with 2 hits apiece were Ashley Childs, Lauren Merrill, Morgan Prentice and Emily Fraser. Ladies with 1 hit were Caroline Finley and Jordan Mitchell. Lauren Merrill pitched her second shutout of the year giving up 5 hits and 1 walk while striking out 11 Cougars! This is the second game of the year that the rebels have not made an error in the field! Congrats, this is a huge accomplishment! Great defensive plays in the field are the reason why these girls keep winning; keep up the excellent work! - Coach Merrill

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar; May 13 - Dirigo 83, Carrabec 50, Telstar 31. 100m Dash: 9. Nisrina Hamdi 14.6. 1600m Run: 1. Gabi Stone 6:25.8; 2. Kaityn Brown 6:37.7; 5. Carla Boyle-Wight 6:56.8. 400m Dash: 7. Alyssa Brands 1:27.9. 800m Run: 1. Gabi Stone 2:46.2; 4. Casey Blaszczak 3:02.9; 5. Annalise Hawthorne 3:03.9. 200m Dash: 7. Alyssa Brands 38.3. 3200m Run: 1. Carla Boyle-Wight 15:04.0. 1600m Relay: 1. Blaszczak, Stone, Brown and Hawthorne 4:57.5. Javelin: 5. Anna Montagna 23:03.0. High Jump: 1. Nisrina Hamdi 4:06.0. Discus: 3. India Orino 73:06.5.

High School Boys' Track

Meet at Telstar; May 13 - Dirigo 119, Carrabec 48, Telstar 24, Gould Academy 18. 100m Dash: 6. Kellen True (THS) 13.1. 1600m Run: 2. Henry Smithers (GA) 5:03.4;

4. Matthew Bennett (GA) 5:13.2; 5. Greg Wheeler (THS) 5:14.6. 400m Dash: 3. Kellen True (THS) 56.0; 7. John Brooks (THS) 61.1; 8. Liam Gallagher (THS) 64.4. 800m Run: 1. Henry Smithers (GA) 2:15.0; 2. Maverik Griffin (THS) 2:23.3; 7. John Brooks (THS) 2:38.5. 200m Dash: 5. Liam Gallagher (THS) 28.0. 3200m Run: 1. Henry Smithers (GA) 11:05.0. Javelin: 3. John Brooks (THS) 99.09. Pole Vault: 1. Kellen True (THS) 8.06.0.

Middle School Girls' Track

Meet at Spruce Mtn.; May 8 - Spruce Mtn. 101, Telstar 65, Dirigo 50, St. Dom's 41, Mt. Valley 8. The girls were led by Brooke Carson, third in the 55m hurdles, first in the 400m, fourth in the 100m, and third in the 4x100 relay. Kaity Turnick, second in the 100m, first in the 200m, first in the 4x200 relay. Calla Orino, fourth in the 200m dash, fifth in the 55m hurdles. Sam Miller, second in the 200m, first in the 4x200 relay. Emma Kruse, third in the 1600m. Isabel Chase, fourth in the 1600m, fourth in the triple jump and third in the 4x100m relay. - Coach Steve Pelletier

Meet at Telstar; May 15 - Telstar 96, Spruce Mtn. 72, St. Dom's 52, Dirigo 46.5, Mt. Valley 40.5. The Telstar girls were once again very impressive and dominated a much larger Spruce Mtn. team to finish in first after a second place finish last week. Kaity Turnick broke the school record in the 200m dash in 29.4 sec. She also placed first in the 100m and 4x100 relay races. Brooke Carson continues to dominate the 400m and anchored the 4x100 relay to a first place finish. Calla Orino placed first in the high jump, fourth in the 55m hurdles, second in the 200m and first in the 4x100 relay. Isabel Chase, second in the triple jump, third in the 1600m. Mia Shifrin, fifth in the 1600m and fourth in the 800m. Sarahanne Wright, fourth in the 100m, third in the discus and first in the 4x100 relay. - Coach Steve Pelletier

Middle School Boys' Track

Meet at Spruce Mtn.; May 8 - Spruce Mtn. 121, Telstar 70, Mt. Valley 69, St. Dom's 20. The boys were led by Jarrett Bean fourth in the 100m, first in the 200m, second in the shot put and third in the 4x100 relay. Aaron Vermette, second in the high jump, fifth in the long jump, first in the triple jump and third in the 4x100 relay. Sam Weaver, first in the 400m, fifth in the 1600m and first in the 4x200 relay. - Coach Steve Pelletier

Meet at Telstar; May 15 - Spruce Mtn. 110, Telstar 94, Mt. Valley 93, St. Dom's 6. The Telstar boys, undermanned compared to Spruce Mtn., were very strong on their consecutive second place finish. The boys were led by Ben Alford, first in the 1600m, 800m and 4x200 relay. Gaelon Boyle Wight, sixth in the 800m, third in the 1600m, first in the 4x200 relay. Ryan Beckerman, second in the 400m, second in the triple jump. Sam Weaver once again dominated the 400m, placed fourth in the 200m and third in the 4x100 relay. Aaron Vermette, second in the high jump, first in the triple jump and third in the 4x100 relay. Rookie Jarrett Bean won the 200m for the second consecutive week, won the shot put and helped place the 4x100 relay. Finn McLaughlin third in the triple, fourth in the 55m hurdles and first in the 4x200 relays. Myles Barrett, fourth in the long jump and third in the 4x100 relays. - Coach Steve Pelletier

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Back: Becca Howard, Maisey Griffin, Vanessa Godwin,
Jessica Drago, Hayley Peterson, and Autumn Morin.

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014 J.V. SOFTBALL
Front: Emily Philbrick, Ashley Savage, Wynter
Morin, Sierra Ryerson, Caitlin Casey, Natasha
Hart. Middle row: Ana Harren, Jillian DeLallo,
Maddie Prentice, Tehya Johnson, Shania Swan.
Back: Coach Mark Kenney, Lisa Gammon,
Naomi Carr, Cassidy Smith, Bri Vitalie, Hayley
Mitchell, Blair Stevens, Taylor Merrill.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014 VARSITY BASEBALL
Front: Hunter Williamson, Reggie Westleigh. Middle:
Noah Rose, Josh Eliot, Jack Connell, Chris Chappie.
Back: Coach Bob Remington, Nik Conrad, Tanner
Wheeler, Logan Bartlett, Eric Lowell, Coach John Eliot.
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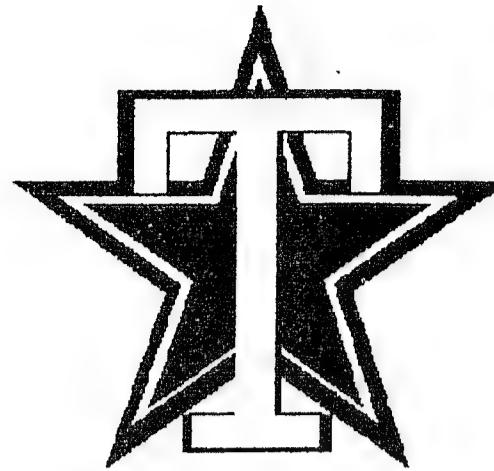
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Telstar Regional High School Recognizes Top Scholars Class of 2014

Telstar Regional High School staff and students are pleased to announce the honor students from the graduating class of 2014. These individuals have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers. The Telstar community congratulates these young scholars for their commitment to their studies, their school and their communities.



Alyssa Brands
Valedictorian

Alyssa Brands, daughter of Edward and Kelli Brands of New Jersey, is the Class of 2014 Valedictorian. Next year, Alyssa plans to attend The University of Maine to earn a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and study Pre-Physical Therapy. After her first four years in Orono, she hopes to attend The University of New England for her last three years to earn her doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Between school sports and clubs, Alyssa holds various leadership roles and volunteers in the community. In school, Alyssa is the Co-President of her class, secretary of student council, historian of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. Alyssa is also a three season athlete, being a captain of the girls' soccer and basketball teams for the last two years, as well as running track in the spring.

Through Interact, MKA, and on her own, Alyssa has volunteered doing a number of different community service projects around the school and Bethel. Some of these volunteer projects include stacking wood with Rotary members for families who need heat in the winter, coaching K-5 soccer in the summer and basketball in the winter at CPS, and helping with 8th grade transition into high school activities.

Outside of school and sports, you can find Alyssa serving food every weekend at the Suds Pub in Bethel. Alyssa is excited for summer to go hiking, swimming, visit her family and prepare for the next chapter of her life at college in the fall.



Kathryn Coolidge
Salutatorian

Kathryn Coolidge, daughter of Ms. Patricia Coolidge of Rumford and the late Mr. Victor Coolidge of Bethel, is an active member of her school community. Along with being a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Interact and Student Council, she is also

the treasurer of her class and Vice President of the National Honor Society. Aside from her school involvement, she dedicates the majority of her time to her other passions within performing arts. An accomplished singer and pianist in local competitions, she won Rumford's Voices of the Valley competition, several school talent shows and has performed in Rumford's Kaleidoscope event. Her other passion is dancing which she has done for the past 14 years at Expressive Movement in Rumford.

Kathryn will be pursuing her interests by attending the University of Connecticut to become a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Sam

Samantha Corriveau
Third Honors

Samantha Corriveau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Corriveau, Jr. of Albany Township, is a musician and artist. Samantha is involved at the Albany Congregational Church with various activities and has participated in the Mahoosuc Community Band, Telstar High School Pit Band and the Future Business Leaders of America.

At Telstar High School, Samantha has been very active in band class and chorus. Academically, she has challenged herself with many Advanced Placement (AP) classes. Outside of school, she spends her time writing poetry, cooking, reading and playing music.

Samantha plans to take the next year off to work and reflect on her future, and then hopes to attend a mortuary college.



Samantha Mallory
Fourth Honors

Samantha Mallory is a Bethel resident and the daughter of Mark and Susan Mallory. Samantha has taken on leadership roles as co-captain of the Varsity Field Hockey Team, president of National Honor Society, and parliamentarian of Future Business Leaders of America at Telstar. She is an active member of Student Council and Rotary Interact and

participated in drama until her senior year. Sam has used her charisma and sense of reason in many projects like providing gifts for families in need at Christmas, organizing the annual Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner, helping out at the local Food Pantry, and picking up trash at the Bethel Area Green-Up Day, among many other community services.

Sam loves drawing, music, being outdoors, and spending time with her friends.

Samantha will attend the University of Southern Maine as an undeclared major in the fall.



Anna Saucier
Fifth Honors

Anna Saucier is the daughter of Regis and Regina Saucier of Bethel. Anna has been actively involved at Telstar throughout her high school years. Anna has been President of Student Council for two years, Class President for four years and National Honor Society treasurer for one year. She has also been an active member of FBLA, Interact and Drama.

Anna has completed many hours of community service, including being a staff member of RYLA. One of her many passions includes dance which she has done for the past 15 years. She has also been a busser at the Sudbury Inn.

Anna will be attending Boston University College of Arts and Sciences with an undeclared focus in pre-med.



Jennifer Wakefield
Sixth Honors

Jennifer Wakefield is the daughter of Raymond and Michele Wakefield of Woodstock. Jennifer plans to attend Southern Maine Community College in the fall of 2014 to study Fire Science for two years and Paramedicine for the remaining two years.

Jennifer has been a member of Student Council, Interact, Prom Committee, Girls Varsity Soccer team, Girls Basketball and Softball. She has spent many hours

volunteering with Telstar Alumni, Project Graduation and the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Jennifer joined the Greenwood Fire Department in November of 2010 in honor of her late grandfather. She took Fire Science at Region 9 her sophomore year and received her National Firefighter One and Two certifications. She also became a member of the National Technical Honor Society. In her senior year, she attended the CNA program at Region 9 in hopes to obtain certification.

Jennifer plans to participate in the Fire Science Live in program at SMCC where she can live and work in a fire department while going to school.

After completing her college studies, she hopes to move to Virginia and pursue her career at a full time fire department.



Shea Tessa Kunz
Seventh Honors

Shea Tessa Kunz is the daughter of Tanya Quarterman of Bethel. Her interests include skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, art, hiking, reading, biking, camping and playing the ukulele.

Tessa has taken many art classes over her four years of high school. She considers herself an artist and plans to pursue a career in art after graduation.

Tessa's goals as an artist include improving her skills, discovering new media and inspiring others to think and create freely.



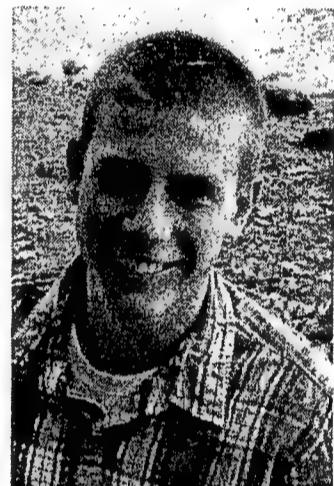
Anneliese Smith
Seventh Honors

Anneliese Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Smith of Bethel. Throughout her high school years, Anneliese has been involved in band, chorus, and the drama department. Beyond the Telstar music department, she has attended music camps, a music education symposium and private music lessons. Since fifth grade, she has been involved in 14 honors music festivals. She has also been president of FBLA, cross

country skier and runner, field hockey member and a member of the National Honor Society.

Anneliese has been a member of the Mahoosuc Community Band since seventh grade, has been an accompanist at the Methodist Church and gives trumpet / vocal lessons in her free time. She also conducted a song in the Telstar Spring concert (2013) after preparing the chorus under the guidance of Mrs. Bennett.

Anneliese plans to attend the University of Maine in Orono for a bachelor's degree in Music Education with a trumpet major. Anneliese wants to become a high school music teacher.



Josef Andrews
Eighth Honors

Josef Andrews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Andrews of Bethel and Ms. Heidi Holt of Bethel. Josef is a four year varsity track and cross country athlete. He recently became an all American in cross country placing 10th at nationals.

During the winter months, Josef spends his time training and participating in indoor track meets around New England and New York. Outside of running, Josef enjoys snowmobiling and playing baseball. He loves watching sports and enjoys most outdoor activities. He has caddied on Nantucket Island and spent time training at a camp in Colorado during the summer months.

He has also volunteered with various events at Sunday River.

Josef will be attending

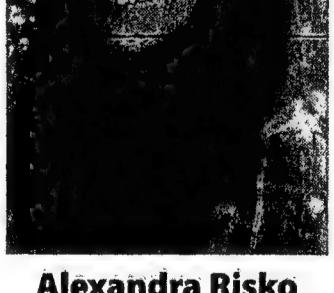
Iowa State University on a

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expanded her learning by taking an online and video call class with creative writing students at Mountain Valley High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Graduation Committee, Pit Band, FBLA, Student Council, Interact, Yearbook, and the varsity Field Hockey Team. She also works at Pat's Pizza.

She has worked hard in the community, volunteering at the L.O.O.K. Program, Science Invention Studio at the Paris Public Library as assistant Teacher, participating in several NHS, FBLA, and Interact service projects, and serving as the manager of the middle and high school Track & Field teams. Her interests include writing, reading, playing the clarinet, swimming, jamming out to music, drawing, and pottery.

Alexandra will be attending Manhattanville College in the fall as an English major with a minor in communications/journalism.



Autumn Morin
Tenth Honors

Autumn Morin is the daughter of Gerald and Angie Morin of Bethel. Autumn Lynn Morin earned her spot in the top ten with much dedication to academics. She was the 2013 Society of Women Engineers Award recipient; she also received Student of the Month, Maine Principles Award for THS, and Athlete of the Month (twice).

In Autumn's four years of high school, she played on the softball team for four years, she played field hockey receiving second team all-star her junior and senior year and was voted co-captain by her teammates. Along with playing sports she has been an active member of the yearbook committee. Some of Autumn's hobbies outside of school include fishing, hiking, running and four wheeling.

Autumn will be attending Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions to study Radiology in the fall.

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Category	FUND OR EXPENDITURES DESCRIPTION	FY 14	FY 15	% CHANGE
BUSINESS INSTRUCTION	Business Instruction	3,667,566	3,712,688	1.3%
SCIENCE INSTRUCTION	Science Instruction	1,035,296	1,030,079	-0.5%
CIVICS & GOVERNMENT	Civics & Government	12,250	16,995	+39.4%
MUSIC & ARTS INSTRUCTION	Music & Arts Instruction	4,119,281	4,381,642	+4.3%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Special Education	499	0	-100%
RESERVE FUND	Reserve Fund	416,000	491,770	+19.3%
SELF-COACHED ROOM INSPECTION	Self-Coached Room Inspection	314,732	236,401	-25.4%
ADMINISTRATION	Administration	1,002,000	1,000,000	-0.2%
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	Psychological Services	126,463	154,247	+22.1%
SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION	Special Education Instruction	897,615	923,061	+2.7%
CTE VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	CTE Vocational Instructional Services	\$30,000	466,584	+1,555%
OTHER INSTRUCTION-ATHL/CURRICULAR	Other Instruction-Athl/Curricular	220,182	227,498	+3.3%
GENERAL FUND	General Fund	192,000	238,857	+24.4%
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES	Student Health Services	96,398	101,634	+5.4%
SOCIAL WORKERS	Social Workers	121,219	122,993	+1.4%
TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION	Technology for Education	144,257	149,235	+3.5%
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	Student Support Services	12,264	49,803	+303.4%
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	Improvement of Instruction	30,002	41,200	+37.3%
INSTRUCTION STAFF TRAINING	Instruction Staff Training	6,087	8,110	+34.4%
CERTIFICATION	Certification	126,429	121,171	-4.2%
LIBRARY SERVICES	Library Services	11,000	15,900	+43.6%
STUDENT ASSESSMENT SERVICES	Student Assessment Services	1,000	0	-100%
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	Staff Development	741,371	820,443	+10.6%
SCHOOL BUSES	School Buses	64,920	67,720	+4.5%
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Superintendent's Office	101,293	171,538	+68.7%
RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY	Relationship with Community	122,090	134,011	+9.9%
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	System Administration	309,103	453,989	+48.7%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	School Administration	636,218	666,584	+4.6%
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation	1,119,278	1,097,458	-2.2%
ADMIRAL DAVIS SERVICES	Admiral Davis Services	130,019	249,033	+89.9%
OTHER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	Other Facilities Maintenance	1,663,866	1,779,511	+6.6%
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	Facilities Maintenance	1,695,985	1,845,443	+8.7%
MAJOR CAPITAL DEBT SVC	Major Capital Debt SVC	246,326	0	-100.0%
POW SERVICE EXPENSES	Pow Service Expenses	15,000	15,000	0.0%
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	All Other Expenditures	15,000	15,000	0.0%
EXPENDITURE BUDGET TOTALS	Expenditure Budget Totals	10,371,310	10,564,225	1.6%

Message from David W. Murphy, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

To the Voters of M.S.A.D. #44 – May 2014

As you can see, we have a new design for our budget mailing this year. I hope you find it easier to read. It also includes some additional information that you might find helpful, including a copy of the school calendar for the coming year.

The past year has been a very busy one in the district. In June of 2013, MSAD #44 received word that it had been selected as just one of four school systems in the state to participate in the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) federal grant, overseen by the Maine Schools for Excellence. Over the past year, the district's teachers and administrators have been the beneficiaries of a great deal of professional development designed to enhance teaching and learning. Over the four-year span of this grant, MSAD #44 will receive nearly \$5 million in funding to assist us with this effort and to help us address new state requirements in teacher and administrator evaluation.

On behalf of the M.S.A.D. #44 Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with a summary of the proposed 2014-2015 school budget. Also included in this mailing are the ballot questions and explanations that will be considered at the Public Budget meeting.

The public meeting on the proposed budget will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar Middle/High School. District voters will be asked to approve multiple budget related articles that evening. The Budget Validation Referendum vote will follow on Tuesday, June 10. The hours and locations of the polling places for each of the towns in the district are included in this mailing.

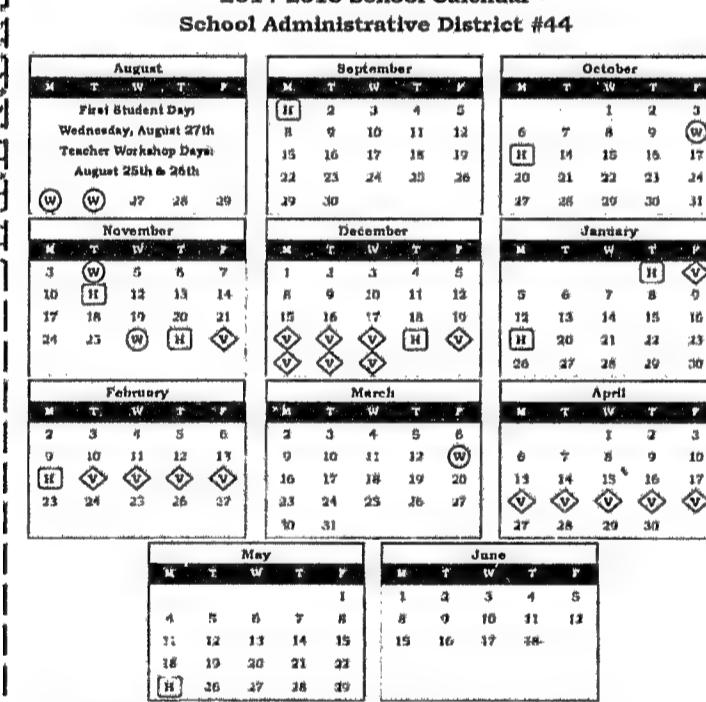
Please take some time to review the information contained in this mailing. Additional detail will be provided at the public meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 824-2185. The School Board joins me in asking for your support of these articles.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Murphy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

****2014-2015 School Calendar****

School Administrative District #44



MSAD#44 Budget Funding Comparison

	FY 14	FY 15	Am't Change
1 Total General Fund Expenditure Budget	10,371,310	10,564,225	192,915
2 State Aid for Education: Subsidy	456,030	579,013	123,013
Debt Service	249,326	0	(249,326)
3 Other Revenue (Tuition, Transportation, etc)	1,225,160	1,119,919	(105,241)
4 Carryover from prior years	490,000	514,000	24,000
5 Total Non Local Revenue from above (Lines 2,3,4)	2,419,516	2,212,962	(206,554)
6 Required Local Share (EPS)	6,886,027	6,752,047	(133,980)
7 Additional Local Funding Required (Line 1-Lines 5&6)	1,065,767	1,599,216	533,449
8 Total Local Funding, General Fund (Lines 6+7)	7,951,794	8,351,263	399,469
9 Local Share of Adult Education	81,059	85,000	3,941
10 Local Share, General Fund and Adult Ed. (Lines 8+9)	8,032,853	8,436,263	403,410

The School Administrative District Budget Approval Process

The current approval process for School District budgets consists of two separate and distinct components. First, a public budget meeting will be convened on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30pm to consider and vote on each of the articles included in this mailing. A Budget Validation Referendum will then be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 to validate the votes taken at the Public Meeting.

MSAD #44 School Board Members and Referendum Locations

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

ANDOVER

Tim Akers ~ 357-3036
Esu Cooper ~ 357-2647
Linda Sharkey ~ 890-7716
Town Hall ~ 8 am to 8 pm

BETHEL

Kate Brooks ~ 824-2338
Tim Carter ~ 824-7698
Elaine Cross ~ 824-2783
Frank Del Duca ~ 824-0472
Carol Everett ~ 836-2038
Robert Taylor ~ 890-2595
Crescent Park School ~ 8 am to 8 pm

GREENWOOD

Tammala Goodwin ~ 527-2034
Richard Melville ~ 875-2451
Stacey Sandvoss ~ 875-2298
Jackie Silver Legion Post 8 am to 8 pm

WOOSTER

Julie Davis ~ 739-0022
Sheryl Morgan ~ 674-2038
Marcel Polak ~ 665-2577
Town Office ~ 8 am to 8 pm

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Workshop on Reputation Management in the Digital Age

The Western Maine Economic Development Council, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, River Valley Chamber of Commerce and Maine Woods Consortium are pleased to offer an exciting workshop to help businesses and nonprofits learn how to manage their online reputation and work successfully and effectively with the media.

In today's world where online social platforms are a forum for everyone and anyone to publicly voice their opinions, it is crucial to know what is being posted about you and your business. Businesses and nonprofits will learn how to manage their online reputation and use social platforms to their advantage. In particular, attend-

Big Tree contest

The 2014 Oxford County Big Tree Contest began last week and runs until Sept. 15. The contest is a yearly event sponsored by the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District. In the past three years, 24 different species have been declared County Champions by OCSWCD; of those eight have become State Champions, and four more are nominees for State Champion or Co-Champion.

With a new Maine Register of Big Trees expected out in the near future, this would be a great time to get your tree entry in. Many of the trees that are naturally larger in size, such as the Eastern White Pine and Silver Maple, have been found and will now need to defend their title as County Champ. Others, that are smaller species, like the Staghorn Sumac and Black Willow, have yet to be found.

This is a fun contest for all ages that will change the way you look at the forests around you. If you would like more information on the contest, an entry form or an updated list of the 66 Native Maine Trees and County Champions, please email jean.federico@me.nacdn.net, go to oxfordcountyswcd.org and follow the links or contact Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 743-5789, ext. 111.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

8.5K Trail Race Series; Fourth Friday of the month, May through September, 5:30 p.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Series details and registration available at www.back40timing.com. Entry fee: \$15 per race or \$60 for the series. Prizes awarded to top male and female include 1st \$250, 2nd \$125 and 3rd \$50.

Free Golf for Maine Residents; Wednesdays at the Bethel Inn. Cart rental, tee times and proof of residency are required. FMI/Tee time reservations: 824-2175 ext. 402, 800-654-0125 or www.bethelin.com.

Thursday, May 22

Western Maine Active Communities Conference; 11:30 to 5:30, Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street. Free event to include speakers from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Maine CDC, Maine DOT and more. FMI/Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/active-communities-conference> or Abby King (956-6538).

Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library. Bring a poem you've written or one by a favorite poet. Light refreshments. FMI: 864-3661.

Congressional District 2 Democratic Candidate Social Time; 6 p.m., Democrats Office in Market Square. 7 p.m., Candidate Forum at Paris Town Office Meeting Room. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7), Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live performance featuring actors and musicians from Telstar and Gould Academy.

Friday, May 23

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7), Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live performance featuring actors and musicians from Telstar and Gould Academy.

Saturday, May 24

MLT Bird Walk; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Maggie Ring Nature Park, Greenwood. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. Morning refreshments will be available. Please watch weather that morning; the walk will go on if the weather is misty, but will not happen in steady rain. Meet at the Trailhead. FMI: Land Trust office (207-824-3806).

Lee Hodgkins Memorial Poker Run; Registration: 8 to 10 a.m. at Roxbury ATV Park & Ride, Roxbury Notch Road (Route 120W). 50/50 Raffle will be drawn with \$500 of Roxbury ATV club's proceeds going to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Inside Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Lunch Counter open. Tables \$10 each. FMI: 743-5723.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tour; 1 to 4 p.m. one mile south of Bolster's Mills, Jesse Mill Road, Harrison. Entrance is free, but donations are welcomed to help with the continued restoration of the site. FMI: 583-MILL(6455).

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7), Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live performance featuring actors and musicians from Telstar and Gould Academy.

Sunday, May 25

Memorial Day Program; 2 p.m., Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris. Welcome address by Joel Dutton and Joe Cooney, flag raising by WMVAC color guard, placement of flowers by Marine Lee McGall, presentation of the Gettysburg Address by Art Hill, guest speaker Richard Graves as well as music selections. FMI: 743-6300 or www.mainevetshomes.org.

The Bethel Citizen

ATV trail maintenance

ees will learn how to check their online presence, respond to criticisms and online reviews, and work with the media to produce the best results.

The instructor for this workshop is Charlene Williams with Nancy Marshall Communications. Charlene joined NMC in 1997 and was named president of the agency in 2013. She oversees all operations at NMC and played a leadership role in executing the Maine Office of Tourism account beginning in 1998.

Charlene has nurtured relationships with hundreds of travel media worldwide, always going above and beyond to respond to requests quickly and thoroughly. Her efforts have produced coverage in outlets includ-

ing Travel + Leisure, Outside, Saveur, Condé Nast Traveler, Boston Globe, New York Times, Montreal Gazette, Washington Post, Today Show, Good Morning America and the Weather Channel.

The workshop is being held at the Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street, on Tuesday, June 3, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The price to attend is \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-chamber members.

To register for the workshop go to WMEDC's website www.wmedc.org and click on WMEDC Events or contact Mia Purcell at the Western Maine Economic Development Council, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street, Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stone-

ham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris is across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI: 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI: 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI: 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m., FMI: 603-466-2651.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: 824-2450.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging

Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100. Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange - Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athansius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Sunday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Anglers sought for trout survey

Maine Audubon, Trout Unlimited and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) are seeking volunteer anglers to survey remote Maine ponds and coastal streams for brook trout this fishing season. Survey information collected by anglers will be used by the nonprofit organizations and IFW to help identify populations of brook trout to be eligible for conservation management practices.

2014 is the fourth year of the Brook Trout Survey Project. Maine is home to 97 percent of the intact wild brook trout pond habitat in the eastern United States. Brook trout require clean, cold water and pristine habitat to survive – the population health of brook trout is a key indicator of a healthy ecosystem that also indicates the health of other species, including moose, deer, otters, kingfishers, herons and osprey. The quality and abundance of Maine brook trout has declined in recent years because of the introduction of competing species. Brook trout are important to Maine and the nation's ecological and sporting heritage and are also a valuable recreational and economic state resource.

Hundreds of remote ponds and coastal streams have

never been surveyed by fisheries biologists nor have any record of being stocked with fish. "Identifying the ponds with native brook trout will greatly assist IFW in planning our conservation management strategies over the next several decades," noted Merry Gallagher of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. "The success of this project is entirely dependent on the data collected by volunteer anglers." The project's focus on remote ponds and coastal streams offers anglers a chance to explore new areas of the state. "Volunteers should be enthusiastic about fishing for brook trout, be comfortable in remote settings and have a sense of adventure!" noted Jeff Reardon of Trout Unlimited.

To date, 197 volunteer anglers have successfully surveyed 258 remote Maine ponds for which no data was previously available. IFW biologists have also conducted official surveys on 45 ponds that volunteers identified as brook trout ponds, and confirmed brook trout presence in 34 of these ponds. This number is expected to increase after IFW survey crews complete follow-up surveys on additional ponds this summer. In 2014, the project is expanding to include coast-

al stream surveys along the Maine coast. Little is known about the distribution and life history of sea-run brook trout in Maine, so volunteers are needed to help identify watersheds containing this special and elusive fish. "Enthusiasm is already running high this year," noted Amanda Moeser, the project's coordinator at Maine Audubon. "The project's success will depend on renewed participation from past volunteers and new participants. This is an exciting opportunity for people who enjoy fishing and exploring Maine's outdoors to contribute to the conservation of native brook trout, a significant and unique resource for Maine."

Volunteer anglers are needed to survey coastal streams ranging from Kennebunk to Lubec, along with 300-plus ponds in western and northern Maine. Surveys can be completed any time before Sept. 30, 2014. Project partners will provide maps, data sheets and instructions on how to survey ponds and streams. To sign up to volunteer, please contact Amanda Moeser at (207) 781-6180 ext. 207 or amoesser@maineaudubon.org. For more information about the Brook Trout Survey project, visit maineaudubon.org/brooktrout.

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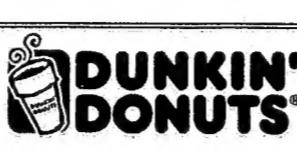
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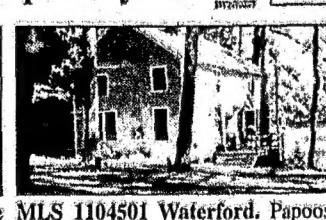
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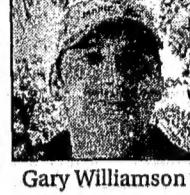
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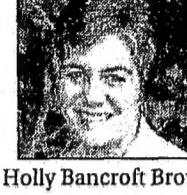
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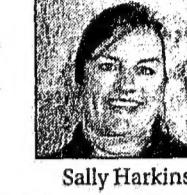
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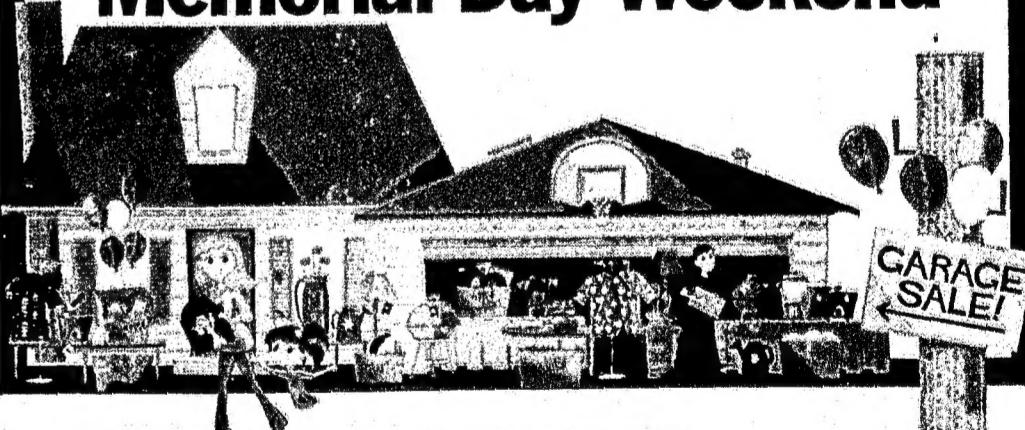
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GERARD P. DUPONT

Gerard Paul Dupont, 88, of Gilead passed away on Wednesday, May 7 at Ledgewood Living Center. He was born in St. Lambert, De Lauzon, Quebec, Canada on Nov. 11, 1925, the son of Napoleon and Leda Guay Dupont. He married Edna Dion on Aug. 16, 1947 and

enjoyed 57 years of marriage before her passing on April 8, 2004. He worked as a logger and was owner/operator of Dupont Trucking. His last employer was Kellogg Inc. in Milan, N.H.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years. He loved antique cars and was an avid reader. He enjoyed history and loved Jackie Kennedy.

He is survived by his five children, Andre R. Dupont and his wife Eileen of Gorham, N.H., Lise McLain and her husband Stephen of Gilead, Aline Dupont of East Bethel, Diane Bean and her husband John of Baker City, Ore. and Richard D. Dupont of Ft. Myers, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchil-

dren. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Memorial services will be held on May 31 at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church, Church Street, Gorham, N.H., with interment to follow at Lary Cemetery, Route 2, Gilead. All are invited to attend a luncheon at Gilead Town Hall following the burial. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.



Maude Crosse Bean. She attended schools in Lewiston and Albany, graduating from Gould Academy in 1927, the second highest honor student in the class. Edna taught primary grades in the two-room schoolhouse in East Bethel for two years.

She married Robert S. York from Andover on Dec. 6, 1930. She was a Star Route mail carrier from Bethel to Rumford Point from 1941 to 1945. She owned and operated the Bethel Restaurant with her husband from 1945 to 1946.

From 1959 to 1972 they lived in various communities throughout Maine. In 1972, following her husband's death she returned to Bethel. Edna was a member of the Albany Congregational Church and the Bethel Methodist Church. She served as choir director and organist for both churches. She taught Sunday school classes for 40 years, served as Youth Director for several years and taught a Bible Study Class for 17 years. She played an active part in the United Methodist Women and the Albany Church Ladies Circle.

Edna was a member of the staff at the Bethel Public Library for 13 years. She was an honorary member of the daughter of Herbert I. and

Moses Mason Historical Society where she served as a guide for several summers. A homemaker who enjoyed cooking (noted for her doughnuts), knitting and reading. Coming full circle she moved back to Albany in 2008, which was her beloved childhood home.

She is survived by daughter-in-law, Peggy, her son Barry and wife Marie, daughter Betty, son Peter and his companion Faye, daughter Julie and husband B.J., sisters, Adelaide Gibbs and Muriel Butters; 14 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and 17 great great grandchildren. She is also survived by devoted nieces, nephews, friends and those very special people she considered family. She was predeceased by her husband Robert; son Raymond, son-in-law, Franklin, grandson Michael, great grandson Filaray, brother Herbert and sisters Jennie and Florine.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Bess Mahoney, Laurie Cox, Pamela Rugg, her niece Gail Olson, the doctors and staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital for their devoted care. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

By her request there will be no funeral. A graveside service will be held at Hunts Corner Cemetery in Albany Township on July 27 at 2 p.m. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Albany Congregational Church c/o Fernand Corriveau 1556 Hunts Corner Rd., Albany Township, ME 04217. Arrangements are under the care of Oxford Hills Funeral Services, 1037 Main St., Oxford.

Births

Wyatte Thompson

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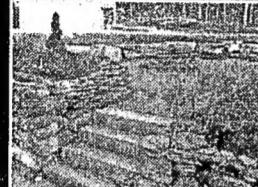
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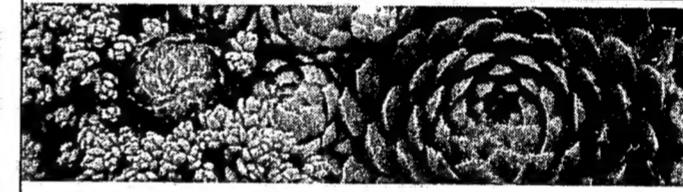
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Bethel Historical Society Robinson House on
May 28, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Any person owning a lot is automatically a member of the Association and is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

- Please Note -

We are also in need of assistance in the flower planting on May 24, 2014 at 9am, prior to Memorial Day. Any help will be appreciated.

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